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“...a long time coming”

Tribal ABC Store to open in Cherokee

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

One Feather Staff

Cherokee will soon have its Crown ABC store. The Tribal Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission (TABCC) for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) is currently working on the Tribal ABC Store which it hopes to open in early March.

The store, located at the upper end of downtown Cherokee adjacent to the old Cherokee Elementary School property, will initially be open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Mondays through Saturdays.

“This has been a long time coming,” said Pepper Taylor, TABCC chair, who noted he is excited that the store is getting ready to open.

Shannon Ross, TABCC member, said, “We’re trying to make money with something other than gaming.”

Marnina Queen has been selected to be the store manager. “I’m so excited to come onto this project. I’ve done this for over 16 years. The money is going to come back into this area, so we want to make sure that everybody is proud of it and it has a great blend.”

Queen, originally from Sylva, is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and comes to the store with a wealth of experience in the alcohol business. “I’ve been doing this for over 16 years. Coming back home is wonderful and especially to set up something that I know is going to generate so much money for the Tribe – and, do it responsibly with trained personnel.”

She spent four years with the

see **ABC STORE** next page



Members of the Tribal Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission (TABCC) meet at the site of the new Tribal ABC Store in Cherokee on the afternoon of Tuesday, Feb. 15. Shown, left to right, are TABCC Chairman Pepper Taylor, Sabrina Arch, Shannon Ross, Mara Nelson, and Mitch Littlejohn. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



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ABC STORE: TABCC to open store in Cherokee, from front page

N.C. ABC Commission in the Education Commission traveling around the state teaching people about alcohol laws and policies. She has also worked in several other places including being the first female chief executive officer of the ABC system in Hanover.

"I'm happy to be here," said Queen. "I'm honored to have been chosen to start this project. It's been a lot of hours, and I'm really happy with how it's come along."

The venture has created jobs including four full-time and three part-time store jobs, and all but one employee hired are EBCI tribal members. Queen noted, "I'm so excited because my team is excited. I love to build great teams, and I love to do great things together. They're really excited to start."

Responsible selling will be paramount at the store. "The staff is brand new. A lot of them don't have any alcohol experience. So, one of the things in our training that we've been going over is responsible alcohol sales. That's our number one priority. So, not selling to underage and don't sell to those who are intoxicated."

Queen said of the store, "We wanted to make sure that we have specialties, ready-to-drinks, and I think that we gave a little more shelf space in this store so that we could have a bigger variety. We don't have a lot of display space because we wanted space for a lot of product on the shelves."

The store will only sell liquor – no beer nor wine sales are permitted. "In the State of North Carolina, your liquor store has to be a liquor store only. You can't sell a glass, a straw, anything else. Your only sales must come from liquor."

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Queen also noted of the pricing which is controlled by the state, “We have state pricing. So, it’s the same price here as it is in Wilmington, as it is in Raleigh.”

Outreach is important to the TABCC. Mitch Littlejohn, commission member, said, “Part of our mandate is to help the youth and educate about the dangers of underage drinking. We sponsor the Prom Promise, DARE, and MADD.”

During its weekly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 15, the TABCC approved several sponsorships and donations for groups including the Qualla Boundary Senior Games, Special Olympics of N.C. Qualla Boundary program, and recreation programs at Cherokee Middle School.

According to information in a memorandum from the TABCC,

“Since 2011, the TABCC has been warehousing and regulating the sale of alcoholic beverages on tribal lands. Prior to the referendum which passed in September 2021, the only locations which would hold ABC permits were located within 1.5 miles of an on-ramp to the Blue Ridge Parkway which was designated as an ABC Tourism area.”

The sale of alcoholic beverages in that area was attributed to what many refer to as the Blue Ridge Law.

The TABCC recently lifted a 30 percent administrative fee for beer and wine sales to help local retailers compete with off-Boundary establishments. According to the memo, the revised policy states, “The only permittees the 30 percent fee applies to are permittees which hold on-premises ABC

permits. An on-premises ABC permit is any ABC permit that allows the alcoholic beverage to be sold, delivered, and consumed on the premises of the permittee.”

The memo continues, “Currently, the Tribe allows the sale, delivery, and consumption of malt beverages, unfortified wines, and fortified wines at any location on tribal lands so long as the applicant qualifies for the permit and the location is appropriate in compliance with the provisions of Article 9 of Chapter 18B of the Cherokee Code.”

Businesses cannot be located within 50 feet of a church nor a school.

The following businesses/entities hold current on-premises ABC permits issued by the TABCC:

- Harrah’s Cherokee Casino and Hotel

- Ruth’s Chris Steakhouse
- Bravo Brio Restaurant
- Harrah’s Cherokee Valley River Casino and Hotel (Murphy)
- Sassy Sunflowers Baker and Café
- UltraStar Multi-tainment Center
- Wise Guyz Grille
- Native Brews Tap and Grill
- Little Princess Restaurant

The following businesses/entities hold current off-premises ABC permits issued by the TABCC:

- Ric’s Smoke Shop
- Food Lion Cherokee
- River Valley Store Inc.
- Big Bear Exxon
- Mountain Energy #1403
- Mountain Energy #1406

The Chestnut Tree Inn holds a special occasion permit, and the new The Cherokee Tower Shop at Harrah’s Cherokee holds both off-premises and on-premises permits.

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FROM ASHLEY:

Siyo!

My name is Ashley Sessions. My family and I live in the Birdtown community.

I have been given the opportunity to help serve our communities with the Tribal Food Distribution Program and it truly is an honor. I am looking forward meeting all the clients and helping the program continue to grow.

During my free time I enjoy traveling, watching scary movies and hanging out at home with my family.

ASHLEY SESSIONS

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Data Entry Clerk

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FROM BRANDY:

My name is Brandy Davis and I am the Interim Human Services Director.

I currently hold a Master's Degree in Health Administration and I am currently working towards my Doctorate of Health Administration.

I look forward to working with the community and PHHS employees in my new role here at PHHS.

BRANDY DAVIS

ADMINISTRATION
Interim
Human Services Director

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PHHS Administration Bldg.

FROM KHUSHBU:

Community: Painttown Community, with my husband and two boys, who are 9 & 3.

Education: Bachelor of Science in Birth-Kindergarten

Professional Background & Why I chose this position: To explore and develop skills in professional development, as a team and personally. I hope to bring expectational results to this position, with my 9 years of experience in the Early Childhood field.

Hobbies: I enjoy reading, traveling, and shopping.

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3/3 - Presley Lambert

3/3 - Ayla Ross

3/4 - Vickie Clark Jumper

3/4 - James Robert Smith

3/5 - Madilynn McCoy

3/9 - Genesis Ensley

3/9 - Kasey Lynn Maney

3/14 - Peanut & Radonna Crowe
wedding anniversary (30 years in
2022)

3/15 - Dallas Bennett

3/16 - Lindley Wyatt

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EBCI to receive \$43.3 million more in ARP than previously expected

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Staff

Cory Blankenship, EBCI Secretary of Treasury, had some good news for the leaders and members of Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) during a report to Tribal Council on Thursday, Feb. 17. The discussion centered around ARP (American Rescue Plan) funding for the Tribe.

Initially, the Tribe budgeted for an initial estimate of \$117 million of what would come to the Tribe. “What was actually deposited into the accounts of the Eastern Band was \$160 million. So, we have \$43.3 million of unallocated resource. So, the next conversation we wanted to have is what

process do you want to engage in order to allocate that funding?”

On the funding itself, he noted, “When we look at the Fiscal Recovery Funds for tribal governments, these were issued to all federally recognized tribes on a formula basis, and the primary purpose is to support public health expenditures; address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency; replace lost public sector revenue; provide premium pay for essential workers; and invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.”

He noted that eligible uses included, “Addressing health disparities and the social determinants of health, building stronger neighborhoods and communities, addressing educational disparities

exacerbated by COVID-19, and promoting healthy childhood environments.”

Secretary Blankenship provided a report to Council that outlined the budget for the first \$117 million:

- Financial assistance to tribal members, \$16.5 million (14 percent of funds)
- Building stronger neighborhoods and communities, \$32 million (27 percent)
- Broadband expansion, \$20 million (17 percent)
- Small business assistance programs, \$8 million (7 percent)
- Long-term care (Tsali Care Center), \$25 million (21 percent)
- Education (direct allocation to Cherokee Central Schools), \$5 million (4 percent)

- Lost revenue, \$10.5 million (9 percent)

He said that, to date, just under \$20 million (17 percent) of the funds have been spent. “There’s still \$97 million left to spend. “The ARP Act actually has a longer timeframe than the CARES Act did. With the CARES Act, we were required to spend that money within a year’s time. With the ARP Act, we’re required to fully commit the funds by Fiscal Year 2024 and fully expend the funds by 2026. So, the emphasis here, under the ARP Act, is about long-term investment.”

During his report, Secretary Blankenship discussed some of the funding that has already been spent including:

- Financial Assistance to Tribal



Members: total of 11,166 applications with 9,332 of those being approved totaling \$11,198,400; those denied were either duplicate applications or the applicant was not an EBCI tribal member

- Financial Assistance and School Readiness for Minor Members: total of 2,719 applications with 2,275 (representing 4,007 EBCI minors) totaling \$2,404,200; those denied were also either duplicate applications or the children were not EBCI tribal members; 25 applications are pending due to missing documents or the minors being claimed twice

- COVID-19 Energy Assistance Program: a total of 5,429 applications with 4,820 approved totaling \$2,409,361; those denied included duplicate applications or the applicant was not an EBCI tribal member

- Local Business Assistance Programs: This was funding, made in the form of various grants administered through the Sequoyah Fund, for EBCI businesses located within the seven-county service area. Total of 122 applications with 120 approved (a reason was not given for the two denials) totaling \$1,907,970.

During Thursday's presentation, several water and sewer infrastructure projects were discussed that will be funded with ARP monies including:

- Acquoni Rd. 16" waterline replacement project - \$5.3 million with a construction completion target date of May 4, 2024
- Acquoni Rd. community sewer replacement project - \$4.7 million with a construction completion target date of May 4, 2023
- Lee Bird Rd. sewer project -

\$410,000 with a construction completion target date of Jan. 15, 2023

Other water and sewer projects pending ARP funding consideration include: Boundary Tree Sewer Project (\$450,000); Johnson Arch Rd. water and sewer replacement (\$1 million); River Road sewer upgrade (\$2.3 million); US 19 at Wolftown Community Building sewer replacement (\$400,000); and the Rough Branch water system rehab (\$3.2 million).

Several projects are currently in the works with ARP funding including: Cherokee Broadband Snowbird Phase II (\$1.5 million); Rough Branch playground (\$172,306); and a pool project that is in the planning stages. A total of \$2.5 million has been earmarked for eco-tourism to improve offerings at the Fire Mountain trail head including "new and improved greenspace areas, bike park features for children and adults, retail and vending opportunities, and improvements of overall aesthetic of the area" as well as infrastructure upgrades to Fire Mountain and the Oconaluftee Indian Village including: "significant parking improvements, water and sewer upgrades, security and lighting, signage and wayfinding improvements, and new bathroom facility."

Joey Owle, EBCI Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources spoke about the Alternate Energy Program. "Based on the \$2 million allocation and a cap of \$5,000 for a household, that provides an opportunity for up to 400 homes to pursue the supplemental funding as a rebate for any kind of solar PV (photovoltaic) deployment."

He added, "An individual who wants to install solar on their home would first apply to the pro-

gram, be validated and accepted, move through installation, absorb the costs, and then bring that receipt back to Treasury to have that check cut towards the cost of their project."

Secretary Owle noted that the tribal program mirrors how it is done in the State of North Carolina and also said there is a federal energy tax incentive for people as well.

Kylie Crowe-Shuler, EBCI Kituwah Preservation and Education Program (KPEP), spoke about the Language Revitalization Project Songbird. "This is in planning. We were funded with ARP money to fund our Project Songbird which is part of the Share What You Know, Use What You Have Initiative. The purpose of this project is to provide materials for adult education – for our teachers, parents, and families. We are wanting to get together a symposium for all of our language partners for teaching methods and materials development. The project will also involve creating original songs in the language for our Early Childhood and Elementary students."

She also said they currently have over 10,000 hours of conversation in the Cherokee language that need to be transcribed.

ARP was signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs began disbursing \$900 million to tribes throughout Indian Country in April 2021. At the time, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Bryan Newland said, "The American Rescue Plan's funds will provide much-needed aid to tribal governments that have been working to combat the devastating economic impact COVID-19 has had on their communities."

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CIPD SWAT arrests Asheville man wanted on numerous drug, firearm warrants

The Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) SWAT Team arrested Danquon Shermaine Brown, a 31-year-old male of Asheville, on Wednesday, Feb. 16.

CIPD received a tip that Brown was a guest at a local hotel and that there were numerous warrants for his arrest out of Buncombe County. He was arrested while trying to leave the hotel. During the incident, he resisted arresting officers and was in possession of a firearm. Brown was also in possession of a small amount of marijuana and tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) wax.

Brown was transported to Jackson County where he was served his outstanding warrants and additional charges that result-

ed from his arrest.

Warrants served:

- Assault with a Deadly Weapon with Intent to Kill
- Possession of Firearm by Convicted Felon
- Trafficking Heroin
- Possession with Intent to Sell Schedule VI
- Possession with Intent to Sell Heroin (Schedule I)
- Possession with Intent to Sell Schedule II
- Felony Possession of Schedule VI
- Simple Possession of Schedule IV

CIPD charges resulting from the arrest:

- Possession of Firearm by Convicted Felon
- Resist a Public Officer
- Possession of Schedule VI

- CIPD release

CIPD Arrest Report for Feb. 6-13

The following people were arrested by the Cherokee Indian Police Department and booked into the Anthony Edward Lossiah Justice Center. It should be noted that the following defendants have only been charged with the crimes listed and should be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Mugshots can be viewed online at theonefeather.com.

Holiday, Siah Kenyon – age 20
Arrested: Feb. 6

Released: Feb. 8
Charges: Criminal Mischief to Property, Breaking or Entering, Elder Abuse and Neglect

Lane, Celina Melinda – age 45
Arrested: Feb. 6

Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 14)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Tolley, Cassandra Marie – age 32
Arrested: Feb. 6
Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 14)
Charges: Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property, Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Finger, Brian David – age 31
Arrested: Feb. 7
Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 14)
Charges: Simple Assault, Domestic Violence, Probation Violation

Pheasant, Philicia Diane – age 30
Arrested: Feb. 7
Released: Feb. 8
Charges: Resisting Public Officer

COLD CASE



The body of Marie Walkingstick Pheasant was found in a burned vehicle on Old Rock Crusher Rd., in the Big Cove Community, on Dec. 29, 2013.

The Cherokee Indian Police Dept. reported at the time that “foul play” was suspected. No arrests have been made in this case. A **\$15,000** reward is offered for information leading to an arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible.

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MISSING PERSON

Brittaney Littledave - female

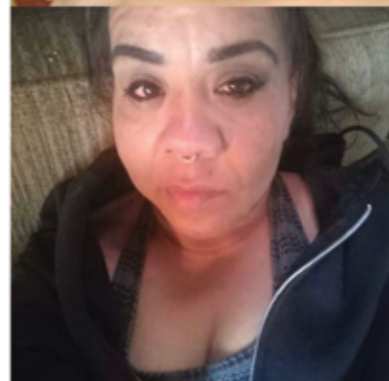
Cherokee Nation (Okla.) citizen

Height: 5'2/5'3
Weight: 130lbs
Age: 36
Eye and hair color: brown
Tattoos: left upper arm, Cherokee Nation Seal, right upper arm: flowers and butterflies, back of neck: laugh now cry later
She has a septum piercing which is the bull nose ring.

Brittaney has not been seen nor heard from since Sept. 5, 2021 at 12:39 p.m. There has been no activity on any of her social media as well since that time. Her last known place was in Fresno, Calif.

If you have any information or know of her current whereabouts, please contact Summer at (330) 432-0934 or the Fresno Police Dept. at (559) 621-7000.

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Taylor, Heather Lee – age 32
Arrested: Feb. 8
Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 14)

Charges: Possession Drug Paraphernalia, Manufacture Schedule II Controlled Substance

Bird, Regina – age 28

Arrested: Feb. 9

Released: Feb. 9

Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance, Manufacture Schedule I Controlled Substance, Providing or Possessing Contraband

Franklin, David – age 33

Arrested: Feb. 9

Released: Feb. 9

Charges: Temporary Hold

Gloyne, James Brent – age 36

Arrested: Feb. 9

Released: Feb. 10

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Holiday, Siah Kenyon – age 20

Arrested: Feb. 9

Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 14)

Charges: Criminal Mischief to Property, Domestic Violence

Maney, Autumn – age 32

Arrested: Feb. 9

Released: Feb. 9

Charges: Temporary Hold

Wolfe, Terry Lee – age 36

Arrested: Feb. 9

Released: Feb. 9

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Taylor, Shaina Marie – age 31

Arrested: Feb. 10

Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 14)

Charges: Failure to Appear

White, Heather Michelle – 26

Arrested: Feb. 11

Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 14)

Charges: Domestic Violence

Hornbuckle, Calvin Daniel – age 38

Arrested: Feb. 12

Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 14)

Charges: Failure to Appear

Arkansas-Bradley, Errika Leah – age 43

Arrested: Feb. 13

Released: Feb. 14

Charges: Temporary Hold for Jackson Co.

Matthews, Eli William – age 21

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MISSING PERSON

Valene Renee Littlebird

Nickname/Alias: Valene Addison

Female American Indian/Alaska Native Age: 40

Height: 5' 5" Weight: 150-160 lbs

Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown

Date of last contact: December 5, 2021

Last Location: Bismarck, North Dakota

Circumstances of Disappearance: Valene Littlebird was reported missing by family members. The initial reporting party had not seen or heard from her since June of 2021. Upon interviewing relatives and friends, it was learned that a relative had face to face contact with her during the first week of December 2021, on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation. She is considered homeless by her friends and family. Littlebird has family on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation and in Bismarck, ND. She does not have a primary residence but was last seen in Fort Yates, ND which is on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation. She also goes by the last name, Addison.

If you have seen Valene Renee Littlebird, contact Bismarck Police Department, (701) 223-1212, Agency Case #22-1104.

Source: Namus.gov

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Youth wrestling tournament to be held at Harrah's Cherokee

By JONAH LOSSIAH

One Feather Staff

Heath Earley wants to boost the wrestling landscape in Western North Carolina.

This journey takes its next step in Cherokee with the YONA Youth Wrestling Championship. This wrestling event is planned for March 5 and 6 and will be the first of its kind held at the Harrah's Cherokee Casino Convention Center.

Earley has been putting together wrestling tournaments for years. He's from Canton and wrestled at Pisgah High School. He said that it wasn't until leaving the area that he realized how different the sport's culture is in other areas.



The YONA Youth Wrestling Championship event is planned for March 5 and 6 and will be the first of its kind held at the Harrah's Cherokee Casino Convention Center. (JONAH LOSSIAH/One Feather photo)

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- Client/Family is responsible for getting yard clear of any trash/debris.
- Animals must be properly secured when mowing contractor arrives.
- Residence must be within the 3 county service areas: Swain, Jackson and Haywood.
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- Mowing and weed eating will include a 50 ft. perimeter around the home including carports.
- Lawns mowed outside the 50 ft. perimeter will be the homeowner's responsibility.

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- Seasonal - March 1st thru May 31st
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Please have your health care provider fax doctor's notes to (828) 497-3519.

H.E.L.P.

“When I first moved to Winston-Salem, out of the mountains, there was a difference in wrestling. The mountains have always primarily wrestled seasonal. Whereas if you come down to the middle of the state, there are multiple clubs that wrestle year-round. Seeing that difference and being able to bring back and have events in western North Carolina, that’s been my goal,” said Earley.

He said that he wants to offer a unique experience to his participants. He plans to pull athletes from throughout the state, saying he already knows folks coming in from Wilmington. He is hoping to bring in between 500-750 wrestlers over the two days.

“You got three different events going on. On Saturday, we have an individual tournament. That individual tournament is from 6 and under all the way through high school. Then on Sunday, we have a rookie event. Then we have a dual-team tournament. The rookie event is for kids with two years’ experience and less. The dual team event, so far, we have 8 teams committed (as of the beginning of February), it’s good that we have that many committed still a month away. Hopefully, we’ll have several more commits.”

Earley said that he is hoping to draw on his experience and his connections throughout the region to make this first event a success.

“I probably ran my very first tournament right around 2014 on my own. I used to run about four tournaments a year, and I’ve cut back to one big tournament. What I do for my tournaments is I try to go big with awards. You go to all these tournaments, my kids did. I took mine around and he had all these medals, and they were kind of the same medal. So, one year I thought, ‘you know what? Let me

see what I can do about getting a ring for all my winners.’ This is one thing that I’m excited about this year,” said Earley.

He said that the champions will be receiving a ring and the top three in each category will be getting a medal. Earley has worked closely with several people in the community to ensure that he can respectfully add pieces of Cherokee into the tournament to add to the local feel. He said that he was given approval by the EBCI Business Committee to use the Tribal Seal for the rings and medals for the tournament.

Earley said that he began taking on this type of role when his oldest son started getting into wrestling. He decided he wanted to coach a youth club and get involved at the state level with the North Carolina Wrestling Association for Youth (NCWAY).

“Being from Canton, one of my goals was to bring NCWAY to Western North Carolina. To improve wrestling in North Carolina. The way you improve wrestling, we call it mat time. The more you get out there and the more you participate, the more you’re going to grow.”

He said that this all became possible with the opening of the new convention center at Harrah’s Cherokee Casino Resort. It had been several years since he’d seen the casino and he said he was blown away by the changes. Earley said that it is a perfect space to hold this inaugural tournament.

“What limits me is the number of mats that I can put on the floor. I can do a bigger event by being able to put more mats on the floor. To have 35,000 square feet...typically, the biggest I’ve been able to do in a facility is run six mats. We’re going to run eight mats. I’ve got the potential, I’ve mapped it

out, we can run up to 12 mats just in the downstairs portion of the convention center.”

Earley said that his mission is to make this an established event. If it goes well, he wants to immediately start working on the next tournament.

“My goal is to be able to book the day that we finalize this tournament. When we finish up on Sunday afternoon, I want to call Stacy (Pegg, property sales manager at Harrah’s Cherokee) on Monday and plan a date. I would like to do a couple a year, to be honest with you.”

He said the first weekend in March is ideal for many reasons. Namely, it is right after the high school wrestling season and gives athletes another opportunity to test their mettle while they’re still training and at their peak.

“I think we can do this in June as well. June or July, and we sanction it as a national event, and we do national marketing. I think we can pull the East Coast. I usually have folks come to my tournaments from five states anyway. But I think we can go bigger.”

The individual youth and high school tournaments will be held on Saturday, March 5. That Sunday will see the individual youth rookie tournament and the K-8 dual team tournament.

Entry fees are as follows:

- Early Registration (Ends Feb. 25) - \$30
- Late Registration (Ends March 3) - \$40
- Last Chance Registration (Ends March 4) - \$50
- Spectator Day Pass - \$15
- Spectator Weekend Pass - \$20
- Spectators aged 5 to 11 - \$5

For additional information or to enter, you can contact Heath Earley at heathe316@hotmail.com.



Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On **March 13, 1836**, Texan Gen. Sam Houston begins a series of strategic retreats to buy time to train his ill-prepared army, which consisted of 374 poorly equipped men. A month later, his newly trained army won a stunning victory against Mexico’s Santa Anna.

• On **March 10, 1902**, the U.S. Court of Appeals rules that despite his claims, Thomas Edison did not invent the movie camera. It did admit that Edison invented the sprocket system that moved perforated film through the camera.

• On **March 8, 1917**, the February Revolution begins when riots and strikes over the scarcity of food erupt in Petrograd. A week later, centuries of czarist rule in Russia ended with the abdication of Nicholas II. Vladimir Lenin returned home and took control of the Russian Revolution.

• On **March 11, 1942**, U.S. Gen. Douglas MacArthur abandons the island of Corregidor under orders from President Franklin Roosevelt. Left behind were 90,000 American and Filipino troops, who would soon succumb to the Japanese offensive. Only one-third of those left behind survived to see MacArthur’s return in January 1945.

• On **March 12, 1969**, the London drug squad appears at house of Beatle George Harrison and his wife Pattie Boyd with a warrant and drug-sniffing canines. Sgt. Pilcher, the man behind the raid, was convicted of planting drugs in other cases and went to jail in 1972.

• On **March 9, 1979**, Major League Baseball teams are ordered by the MLB commissioner to allow equal access to all reporters. The order came after Sports Illustrated reporter Melissa Ludtke’s successful lawsuit for refusing her access to clubhouses at Yankee Stadium during the 1977 World Series.

• On **March 7, 1988**, representatives of the Writers Guild of America called a strike for all the union’s members. The five-month walkout was estimated to cost Hollywood some \$500 million, as many viewers began watching cable channels.

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Honoring an advocate

Pipestem inducted into the OSU Hall of Fame

STILLWATER, Okla. - The Oklahoma State University Alumni Association inducted Otoe-Missouria tribal citizen Wilson K. Pipestem into the OSU Hall of Fame on Friday, Feb. 11. Induction into the Hall of Fame is the university's highest honor for alumni or former students, recognizing their outstanding professional achievements and contributions to society. Pipestem was previously

honored as the university's Distinguished American Indian Alumni in 2013.

Pipestem, who grew up in Norman, Okla., is also of Osage and Potawatomi descent. He served as president of the Native American Student Association as an undergraduate at OSU and was a scholarship athlete competing for the university's track and cross-country teams. Pipestem graduated with a bachelor of arts in English in 1992 before earning his juris doctorate from Stanford University in 1995. He is one of only a handful of tribal citizens inducted into the Oklahoma State

University Hall of Fame since ceremonies began in 1956. Other Native American inductees include renowned artist Benjamin Harjo, Jr. (Seminole and Shawnee) in 2012 and former Assistant Secretary of Interior for George W. Bush Neal McCaleb (Chickasaw) in 2019.

"I'd like to thank the Oklahoma State University Alumni Association for including me in this esteemed 2022 Hall of Fame class. It's an honor to stand alongside my distinguished colleagues and be recognized by Oklahoma's premier university," Pipestem said. "And while I'm humbled to repre-

sent the Otoe-Missouria Tribe, as well as the Osage and Potawatomi People in this Hall of Fame, I recall the remarkable Native leaders that attended Oklahoma State and led the way for me. I'm delighted to join individuals like the great Seminole and Shawnee artist Ben Harjo Jr., but our tribal communities remain underrepresented in these honors. I hope we are joined in this Hall by even more of our well-deserving Native brothers and sisters very soon."

Pipestem is the founding partner of Pipestem & Nagle, P.C., and founder of Ietan Consulting, LLC. He has assisted tribal nations with

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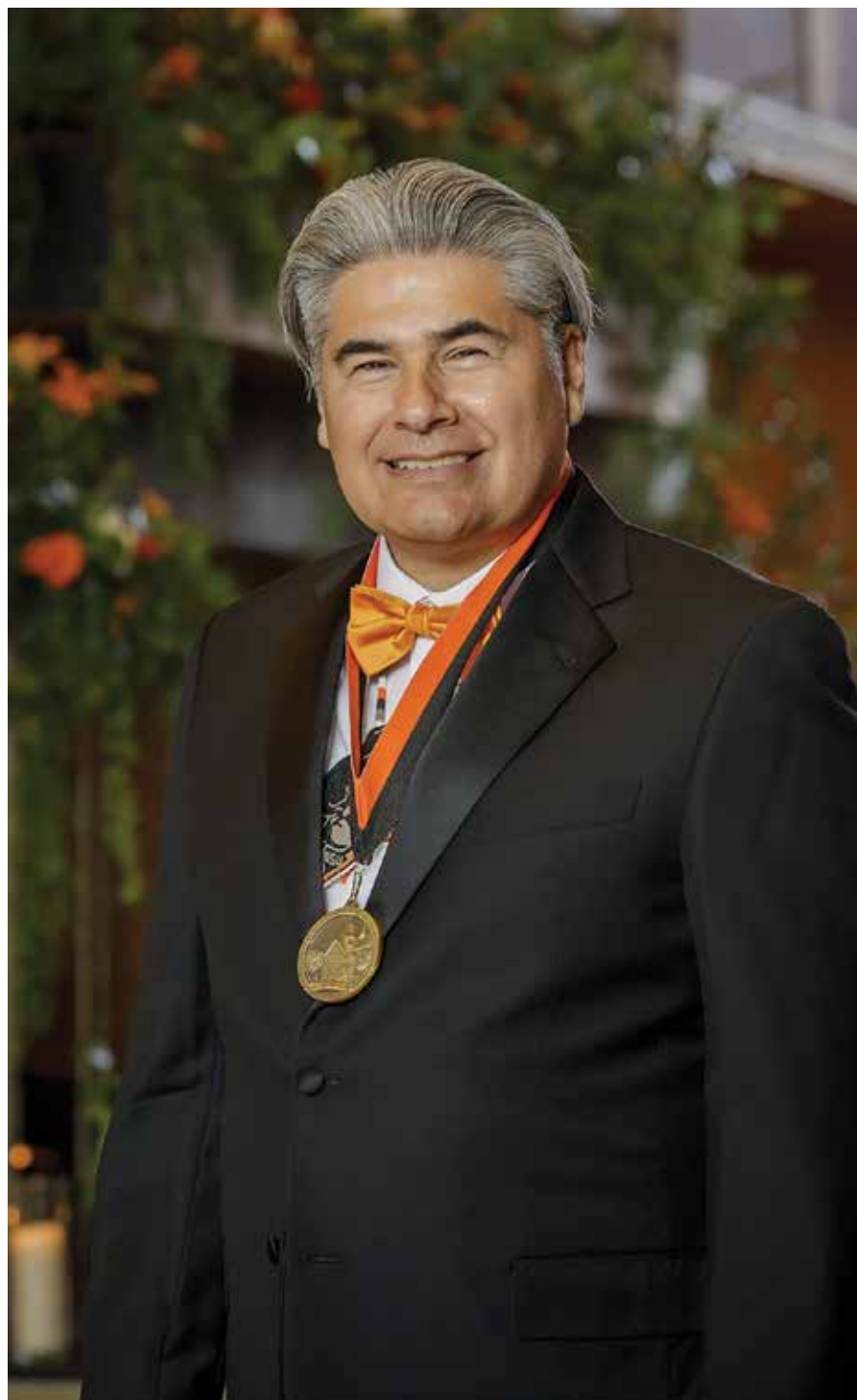
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reacquiring former tribal lands back into the tribal land base, reaffirming reservation boundaries in Oklahoma in post-McGirt v. Oklahoma litigation, and stopping attacks on tribal sovereignty. He also served as lead counsel in *Osage Nation v. United States*, which was settled in favor of the Osage Nation after 11 years of litigation for a record \$380 million. Pipestem played a prominent role in the landmark reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act in 2013 that reaffirmed the rights of tribal courts to exercise criminal jurisdiction over all persons committing domestic and dating violence against Native women. He was also instrumental in the Reclaiming Native Truth project, a national effort to establish new narratives for social and policy change, counter discrimination against Native Americans, and combat the issue of invisibility.

“Wilson Pipestem has dedicated his life and career to protecting tribal sovereignty and the rights of Native Americans,” said Rob McInturf, president of the OSU Alumni Association. “He is an outstanding example of an Oklahoma State University graduate who is passionate, selfless and dedicated to improving the lives of others. For that, we are honored to recognize him as one of the newest members of the OSU Hall of Fame.”

OSU was first known as Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College and remained Oklahoma A&M until 1958. It is the state’s premier land grant university, founded on three pillars: Instruction, research and extension. The university provides the highest quality education in a variety of majors using the latest teaching methods, creating the next generation of scientists, thinkers and



Wilson Pipestem is wearing his Oklahoma State University Alumni Hall of Fame medal over a Pistol Pete beaded medallion following the 2022 induction ceremony. (OSU photo)

scholars through a tradition of research excellence. In addition, the university’s cooperative extension connects citizens across Oklahoma, the nation and the world with the latest research and practical solutions for the world around them.

OSU’s land-grant university

mission has longstanding ties with Native communities. While still known as Oklahoma A&M, the university held agricultural partnerships with Chilocco Indian Agricultural School about 60 miles north of Stillwater near Blackwell, Oklahoma. The exchange resulted in knowledge exchange about

crops and other farming practices. Chilocco closed in 1980, but the skills and wisdom acquired by students have impacted generations of Natives.

Today, Oklahoma State University has one of the highest enrollments of Native American students of any public university. Hundreds of students from tribes across the country graduate every year in dozens of degree programs. Additionally – OSU’s Center for Sovereign Nations is a hub for tribal students seeking a supportive and uplifting community, surrounded by fellow Native American students.

“It’s no surprise Native American student enrollment is higher at OSU than nearly any public university. Hundreds of Native American undergraduates receive degrees annually in a multitude of disciplines,” Pipestem said. “Students can now follow the path of art, film, medicine, or even law like I did. With the preparation of OSU, Native students have the world available to them.”

Pipestem’s fellow Hall of Fame inductees included:

- Larry Ferguson, animal science (1975), and Kayleen Ferguson of Hot Springs, Arkansas
- Helen Hodges, accounting (1976), San Diego, California
- Greg Massey, finance (1987), Durant, Oklahoma

“Again, I thank OSU for this distinguished honor and their graciousness,” Pipestem said. “I will cherish for a lifetime the thoughtfulness that honors my family and me.”

Pipestem his wife, Brenda (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians), have four children. He is a lifetime member of the OSU Alumni Association.

- *Oklahoma State University release*

OBITUARIES JhñfR

Anita Nickole “Chickky” Flippo

Anita Nickole “Chickky” Flippo, age 28, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022 at her residence.

She is survived by her son, Sylas Lee-Anthony Waldroup; mother, Leann Flippo; brother, Emmitt Lee-Floyd Flippo; and grandmother, Shirley Swayney.

Anita was preceded in death by her father, Robert Eugene Flippo; and grandfather, Elmer “Lee” Swayney.

A formal funeral took place on Sunday, Feb. 20 in the chapel of

Long House Funeral Home. Burial was in the Lee Swayney Cemetery. Pallbearers were George Swayney, Steve Swayney, Buster Swayney, Benji Swayney, Eddie Owens, and Randy Saunooke.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

Shirley Swayney Cloer

Shirley Swayney Cloer, 67, of Bryson City, left this world for a better place Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022. A native of Swain County, she was the daughter of the late David and Katie Swayney.

She was a loving mother and

devoted her life to the students of Swain County. She worked several years for the Cherokee Historical Association, Harrah’s Cherokee Casino, and was an artist at Qualla Arts and Crafts. She did an internship with the National Park Service and loved the outdoors. She was former Miss. Cherokee. She was always willing to help anybody in any way she could. She loved her tribe and her culture.

Shirly was preceded in death by two sisters, Kathy Wolfe and Brenda Sluder; brother, Davey Swayney, Jr.; niece, D.J. Ricco; and nephew, Chase Wolfe.

She is survived by her chil-

dren, Mandi Gardner and husband Jason, Buck Cloer and wife Nicole; four grandchildren, Kobe Wiggins (Michelle Yates), Elias Wiggins, Yonah Gardner, Kassidy Zuniga, and husband Jose; great grandchild, Kainey Wiggins; brother, O.D. Swayney; sister, Clara Driver; several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews; and special friends, Wanda Crisp, Shannon Caldwell, and James Ball.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, Feb. 22 in the chapel of Crisp Funeral Home. Revs. Marty Pressley and Eugene Moore officiated.



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Thanks from the family of Charlie Toineeta

The Family of Charlie Toineeta would like to express our sincere appreciation to Dr. Winchester and her staff, The Respiratory Department at Cherokee Hospital, Kelly's Home Health of Franklin, Tsali Manor Senior Citizen Program & HELP Program Dad appreciated his friends who stopped and visited over the years just to talk for a few minutes or an hour. Also, Beth and Ike who brought him an Indian dinner weekly, when they could. Thanks to everyone that sent flowers.

We appreciate all who called or text and kept the family in your thoughts and prayers during our time of loss. Dad will be missed. Thanks to the following for your help: Cherokee Dispatch, Cherokee Tribal EMS, Tribal PD, Tribal Fire Department, Crisp Funeral Home, Swain Co. Sheriff Department, Cool Valley Florist, Cherokee Tribal Construction Department, Pastor John Ferree, and many others.

Thanks and God Bless.

Sam and Charlene and family

Richard Yogi Crowe Scholarship Foundation,

I would like to thank you all, the board members and the donors, for making this scholarship possible, and for once again selecting me as a recipient as I further my graduate studies. Law school is challenging, and it has pushed me to grow in ways I never knew I was capable of growing. All of that being said, it is a blessing beyond measure to have the Yogi Crowe Scholarship Foundation's continued support, as well as the support of the community who made it all possible. I am honored and humbled to be able to continue to represent the EBCI here at the University of Mississippi School of Law!

Caitlyn Dills



I asked what kind of family Amina wanted. She said, 'A family like yours.' That's when I knew I had to adopt her.

Denise, adopted 17-year-old Amina



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

2022 Cherokee Indian Fair Theme Contest

Members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians are eligible to enter the 2022 Cherokee Indian Fair Theme Contest. The contest is open to all ages. Entrants younger than 18 years of age must have a parent or guardian to co-sign the liability release form and submit it with a W-9 form. The theme must be culturally-oriented. The theme must be seven words or less, and you must give a description of how you created the theme. Only one entry per person.

The entry forms will be available at the Cherokee Welcome Center (359-6490) between the hours of 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. daily. Forms can also be emailed to interested participants. The

deadline for entering the contest is Friday, March 4 at 4:30 p.m. The winner will be selected at the next Cherokee Indian Fair Committee meeting.

For more information or to request an entry form, contact Lisa Frady at lisafrady@ebci-nsn.gov.

- *Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds*

Emergency Rental Assistance for EBCI tribal members

The Cherokee Indian Housing Division (CIHD) is still accepting Emergency Rental Assistance applications from EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) member renters who qualify. The link collecting your applicable information will be available online at EBCI.com and applications will be available onsite at the C.I.H.D. Main Office located at 687 Acquoni Rd. Cherokee, NC 28719. Applications and docu-

mentation can be emailed back to Stefany Hicks at the following email address: shicks@ebci-nsn.gov

Note that entering information using the link at EBCI.com is not an application. This link is used to collect your information so that we may contact you via email/phone. Also, if you have received 18 months of assistance, you have exhausted the maximum amount of assistance allowed.

Eligible households include families that have:

- Enrolled EBCI tribal member
- Must reside in one of the 50 United States of America
- Income below 80 percent of the area median income
- An obligation to pay rent
- A household member that has a reduction of income or other financial hardship due to COVID-19
- Experienced or are at risk of experiencing homelessness

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Eligible uses of funds include payment of:

- Rent
- Rental arrears
- Utilities and home energy costs
- Utilities and home energy cost arrears

Rental assistance provided to an eligible household should not be duplicative of any other federally funded rental assistance provided to such household.


Tribal members must also provide in writing that they have experienced a reduction in income, incurred significant cost, or experienced other financial hardship due to COVID-19. This program is NOT for homeowners or tribal members with mortgages. To apply for this program, you MUST be a renter. This program is to help prevent current renters from becoming

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Trail of Tears Beans

There is a variety of pole bean called "Trail of Tears" beans. The name was popularized by Dr. John Wyche, a member of the Cherokee Nation who lived in Oklahoma. He was a renowned gardener and seed saver. Wyche was one of the founding members of the Seed Savers Exchange, which still sells the "Trail of Tears" bean variety on their website. Dr. Wyche said that these were the same lineage of pole beans that his people carried from the Smoky Mountains during the Removal in the 1830s. This bean can be enjoyed as a snap bean or in its dried form. Healthy pods are green with a purple hue. They hold shiny black beans, which lends to other name that is sometimes used - "Cherokee Blacks".

Sources: saveseed.org & seedsavers.org (photo)





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Towstring: 3/21 at 5pm
Yellowhill: 3/28 at 5pm
Tsali Manor Senior Ctr: 4/5 at 10:30am
Wolftown: 4/11 at 5pm

Visit www.EBCI-ACP.WCU.edu

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hours of 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- *Cherokee Indian Housing
Division*

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Cherokee Fire & Rescue is
looking for people 18 and older
who wish to become professional
firefighters. Training will be taught
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fied instructors who carry a N.C.
Firefighter II certification. Info:
Thomas Simmons, Cherokee Fire &
Rescue assistant chief, thomsimm@
nc-chokeee.com or 788-1272
- *Cherokee Fire & Rescue*

MedCaT seeking applications for summer program

MedCaT is a multi-part pro-
gram that aims to better enable
American Indian and Appalachian
high school students to pursue
health and biomedical careers. It
is an intensive one-week summer
academy where 25 high school
students will get the opportunity to
stay on campus at either Wake For-
est University or Western Carolina
University. Activities include a net-
working session with professionals

from different health and biomed-
ical science backgrounds, touring
off-campus medical facilities, and
other hands-on learning experienc-
es all at no cost to the student.

Date for MedCat at Western
Carolina University are June 26 –
July 2 and dates for Wake Forest
University are July 24-29. Appli-
cations are due by March 11. Info:
email Madison Leatherwood at
Madison_leatherwood@centerfor-
nativehealth.org or Charlene Hunt
at chunt@wakehealth.edu
- *Center for Native Health*

Input sought in cultural, recreation facilities survey

The Eastern Band of Cherokee
Indians has initiated a planning
process and seeks input from its
tribal and community members.
The consultant team from Place-
making has been evaluating cultur-
al and recreation facilities across
the Qualla Boundary during the
past few months. It will provide
leadership with recommendations
for needed repairs, modifications,
and suggested improvements.
Gathering input from the commu-
nity is an essential component of
the planning process.

A survey is currently available
online [https://ebci.com/services/
departments/division-of-](https://ebci.com/services/departments/division-of-)

commerce/
administration-and-planning/, and
physical copies are available at the
Qualla Boundary Public Library
and Tribal Council House.

Officials noted, “This is an op-
portunity for each household in our
community to let our leaderships
know what you would like to see
improved at existing facilities, and
which programs should be planned
for the future. Your assistance in
the planning process and partici-
pation is essential for pursuing
state and federal grants for fund-
ing future improvements. Grants
are available to sovereign Tribal
nations for improvements, but they
are limited and are very competi-
tive. The more community partici-
pation we have in this process, the
greater our government’s chances
are to compete for these limited
resources.”

Survey forms will be collected
until Tuesday, March 15. Once the
survey results are tabulated, they
will be shared. If there are any
questions about the survey, please
contact Chris Greene, EBCI Project
Management Planning Office, 828-
359-6703.

- *Placemaking release*

Greening Up the Mountains Festival open call for vendors

Artisans, Crafters, and Food
Vendors are invited to submit their
application for the Greening Up the
Mountains Festival to be held on
Saturday, April 23 from 10 a.m. un-
til 4 p.m. Greening Up The Moun-
tains Festival is the premiere spring
festival for western North Carolina.
The festival, sponsored by the Town
of Sylva, will once again take place
in historical downtown Sylva. This
year’s festival seeks artisans and
crafters selling their own handmade
products. Arts, Crafts, and Food
Vendors from the expanded Ap-
palachian area are encouraged to

apply.

Please visit the festival’s web-
site, www.greeningupthemoun-
[tains.com](http://www.greeningupthemoun-) to review the 2022
Vendor Policies and download your
application. Applications will be
accepted through March 15. For
more information, please email the
event coordinator at greeningup-
[themountains@gmail.com](mailto:greeningup-).

- *Greening Up the Mountains
Committee*


Duke University pow wow

The Duke Native American Al-
liance is seeking vendors, dancers,
and drum groups for their annual
pow wow scheduled for April 9
from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Abele
Quad on the campus of Duke Uni-
versity. Info: dukenasa21@gmail.com

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) appointments available

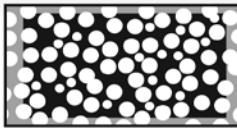
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of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) you are
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at no cost at the EBCI Extension Of-
fice through the Volunteer Income
Tax Assistance (VITA) program.
Due to the rise in COVID cases, this
year will begin by using a drop-off
pickup system and may change to
face-to-face at a later date. Call 359-
6939 or 359-6938 to set up a drop-
off appointment. During your ap-
pointment, you will be required to
fill out a short intake form. Dropoff
appointments will begin Monday,
Feb. 14 and will be Monday through
Thursday. Remember to wear a
mask and do not come if you are ex-
hibiting COVID symptoms or have
been quarantined due to positive
test or by contact tracing. Custom-
ers exhibiting symptoms will be

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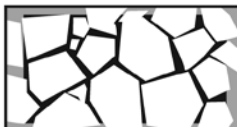


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Water and soil



Fine soil has smaller particles but more numerous “pores” than a coarse soil. It retains more water within its structure, allowing plant roots to access the water.



Coarse soil has bigger particles and less “pore” space between the particles than the fine soil. It is less able to retain any water for roots to access. - *Brenda Weaver*

Source: www.noble.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS: General announcements and news, from page 17

asked to reschedule their drop-off or pick-up.

Bring with you the following items to your appointment/drop-off:

- All income related forms such as: W-2, 1099 Misc., 1099-I, SSA-1099, etc.
- Photo I.D. such as Driver's License or enrollment card with picture
- Social Security Card and birth date of every member of the household
- Enrollment Card of Federally Recognized Tribe for North Carolina Tax Exemption
- Bank Account Information if you want tax return direct deposited
- Last year's tax return (if possible)
- The program does not do Rental

Income (Schedule E), Dividend and Investment Income (Sch B) and Complex Schedule C.

• Letter 6419 Child Tax Credit letter and Letter 6475 Economic Impact letters

- *EBCI Cooperative Extension Office release*

2022 Crop Disaster Assistance Program deadline

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) is reminding agricultural producers that Monday, Feb. 28, is the deadline to apply for the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, or NAP.

NAP provides financial assistance to producers of non-insured crops impacted by natural disasters that result in lower yields, crop losses, or prevents crop planting. Commercially produced crops and agricultural commodities for which

crop insurance is not available are generally eligible for NAP. Eligible crops with a coverage deadline of Feb. 28 include most annual fruit and vegetable crops, such as sweet corn, tomatoes, squash, and melons. Feb. 28 is also the deadline to apply for coverage on hemp.

Eligible causes of loss include drought, freeze, hail, excessive moisture, excessive wind or hurricanes, earthquake, flood. These events must occur during the NAP policy coverage period, before or during harvest, and the disaster must directly affect the eligible crop.

NAP Service fees can be waived for beginning, qualifying veteran, female, minority, and limited resource farmers. These farmers can also receive a 50 percent reduction in the premium.

For more information on the

NAP program or to apply, contact your local FSA county office in Murphy, at (828) 837-2721, extension 2.

- *USDA*

Trail of Tears Art Show and Sale featuring Cherokee Art Market youth competition returns April 2-30

TAHLEQUAH, Okla. — Artwork is now being accepted for the 51st annual Trail of Tears Art Show and Sale. The longest-running Native American art show and competition in Oklahoma will be presented April 2-30, both virtually and in person.

Through the juried show, artists compete for more than \$15,000 in the following categories: painting, sculpture, pottery, basketry, graphics, jewelry, miniatures, diverse art forms and





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photography/digital art.

There is no entry fee associated with this year's show and sale. Individuals looking to enter artwork must be over 18 years old, be a citizen of a federally recognized Native American tribe or nation and complete all submission requirements, available at www.VisitCherokeeNation.com, no later than 5 p.m. CST on Feb. 25. Youth artists will also have the opportunity to share their work through the Cherokee Art Market youth competition, held in conjunction with the Trail of Tears Art Show and Sale. The competition is open to all Native American students in grades 6-12 who are citizens of a federally recognized tribe.

Artwork is evaluated by divi-

sion and grade level. In addition to monetary awards, the Best in Show winner will also receive a free booth at the upcoming Cherokee Art Market.

Student entries will be received in person on March 17 and 18 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Cherokee Nation Businesses' Tahlequah office, located at 950 Main Parkway. Submissions may also be shipped, as long as they are received by 5 p.m. on March 18. All submissions must include an entry form attached to the artwork, an artist agreement form and a copy of the artist's CDIB or tribal card. Applications for the youth competition are available at www.CherokeeArtMarket.com.

- Cherokee Nation release

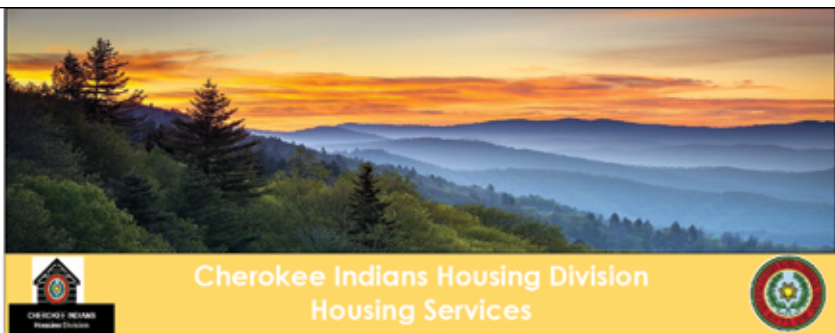
Americanisms



“Short term success can always be obtained at the expense of the future.”

— Tim Brennan

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Cherokee Indians Housing Division Housing Services

The Cherokee Indians Housing Division (CIHD) Housing Services Program is excited to announce the award of a \$705,000.00 grant from Dogwood Health Trust. The Dogwood Health Trust is a non-profit organization based in Asheville, NC, purposed with improving the health and wellbeing of all people and communities of Western North Carolina, serving eighteen counties and the Qualla Boundary.

This award is designated to assist enrolled members by adding additional funding for the following programs:

- Down Payment Assistance
- Rate Buy Down Funds
- Foster Parent Renovation Loans
- Financial Literacy

In addition to supplemental funding for these programs, this grant has established the new service area of Buncombe County. Our current service area consists of Swain, Jackson, Graham, Cherokee, Clay, and Macon Counties. The grant allocates a certain percentage of funding for each county.

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed stated, "I am very grateful for this support and partnership of the Dogwood Health Trust in providing this amazing grant opportunity that will ensure even more of our citizens will have access to safe and affordable housing. I would also like to thank our Cherokee Indians Housing Division staff for their tireless efforts providing housing services to our people."

The CIHD'S Housing Services program is dedicated to serving all enrolled members in obtaining homeownership and improving current housing conditions. CIHD also offers the On-Boundary Renovation and Portfolio loans.

For more information or to apply for one of our products, please call Tina Larch-Rivera at 828-359-6912 or Misty Millsaps at 828-359-6919 or come by the Housing Administrative Offices located at 687 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. We look forward to helping you make your homeownership dream a reality!

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COMMENTARY

Menagerie

By ROBERT JUMPER
One Feather Editor

Those of us who daily have the privilege to live in the mountains take for granted the incredible display of nature's beauty that is routinely available to enjoy. There are those who live not so far away who don't have the great pleasure of seeing trees full of birds, streams full of fish, and lands teeming with wildlife so often that it is commonplace. Just a couple of weeks ago one of the roaming elk herds came through the downtown area and caused quite a stir at the Ginger Lynn Welch Building. There is

no way to explain the wonder of looking out the glass doors of your office building and seeing those majestic animals lumbering along Acquoni Road. Yes, there is some danger involved in having them come that close to civilization, for both the elk and humans. While they are mostly docile, they are wild animals and animals of a size that could be hazardous to one's health if they are frightened. Most folks stayed inside until the fine officers from Natural Resources Enforcement came and urged the herd into the Oconaluftee River. Then some folks ventured out to marvel at them and get a few pictures. Being a gateway community, we get treated to all the wildlife that the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the Blue Ridge



This elk, part of a herd of about 12, was seen in front of the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 headquarters in the Yellowhill Community. Elk sightings in the area are quite common. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

Parkway call home. From snakes, lizards, turtles, and frogs of various kinds to squirrels, rabbits, deer, and bear. Not everyday and everywhere, but often enough that we are careful and watchful. I have

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Sometimes the best relationship is a long-distance relationship

Distance gives us new perspective.

Distance makes the heart grow fonder.

about two bus-lengths for elk, deer, and bighorn sheep

about three bus-lengths bears and moose

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taken to carrying a walking stick with me wherever and whenever I go walking on the Qualla Boundary. I am not quite to the point of depending on one, but it is very helpful when I encounter the occasional snake or other stubborn wildlife that might need a gentle prod or two to give me the right of way. For me, the stick is more about defense than offense. Walking our greenway trails are actually treasure hunts of the best kind. There is always something new and interesting to experience. Nature at its finest.

If you are into fish, the Oconaluftee and its headwaters are another playground for the amateur naturalist. It isn't a bad place for professional fisherman either. The crystal clear, rushing waters of the river are home for a variety of aquatic life, including those much sought-after Rainbow, Golden, Brown, and Speckled Trout. Whether you are after them with a high-dollar fly rod and waders, or just wondering at their beauty while wading knee-deep in the water, water that many of us believe has mystical, spiritual power, you always come away from an encounter with our wildlife in the

water with a feeling that you just experienced something unique and special.

One of my favorites are the flocks of turkeys that come down from the park from time to time. The turkey is a bird with a history, from being Benjamin Franklin's pick for national bird to being the spokes-fowl and mascot for some high-priced liquor. Turkeys are iconic in our society, not to mention the tasty centerpiece of many holiday meals. Snoods and wattles are some of the most grotesque facial appendages a person could imagine, yet they somehow work on turkeys. It might be that they have such a regal strut and feathery display that it is hard not to love them. They are truly some of the most fascinating animals to watch.

A stroll in the Talking Trees Island Park will usually net a look at some of our Tribe's more visible immigrants. Large flocks of Canadian geese and more than a few Mallard ducks call Cherokee home for large portions of the year. It is no fun dodging goose and duck droppings while walking the park's sidewalks and it sometimes becomes a bit of a gross

obstacle course, but the birds are always interesting to watch. There were some discussions within the government about trying some resolutions like creating feeding stations away from the walkways and signage prohibiting the public from feeding them on the island, a la Lake Junaluska's plan, but no implementation is visible on the Island Park. I think at minimum they should put a couple of those foot shower stations up like you use to wash the sand off your feet at the beach. That way, if you felt something squishy between your toes, you could hit the showers instead of washing them off in the river.

Additionally, I have seen a pair of Wood ducks paddling around the river near the Island Park. In fact, the Oconaluftee Island Park is one of six locations on the Qualla Boundary that is an official North Carolina Birding Trail. The other five are Mingo Falls, Oconaluftee Visitor Center, Oconaluftee Indian Village Botanical Gardens, Riverwalk at Riverbend, and Kituwah Fields. Each of these six locations has a variety of bird species like Pileated Woodpeckers, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, Belted

Kingfisher, and the Northern Harrier. This is just a small list of the many possible sightings of birds that frequent our Boundary. Birding is a great way to get exercise, explore some of the Boundary, and see some of the great bird species of the Southeast.

Like some other projects, a nature reserve and zoo have been explored, tabled, reexplored and tabled. At a least one point, the tribe considered an aquarium, like the one in Gatlinburg, to house and showcase the variety of river critters on Boundary. Personally, and judging by the reaction of the locals and tourists to seeing wildlife on the Boundary, I think either would be a big hit.

Regardless of which is your favorite, take some time explore the Boundary for your favorite beasts. Always use good common sense concerning distance and safety. Make one trip with a camera. Make another without the camera. It's hard to meditate when you are framing shots for pictures. Spending time in and focusing on the creation reminds us of the Creator. And what could be better than that?

**Post 143 seeking contact
information for
active EBCI service men/women**

**Info: Warren Dupree 508-2657
David McQueen 736-9572**



Give to us wisdom for soul winning (Conclusion)

By TIMOTHY L. MELTON, PASTOR

(Transcribed by Myra D. Colgate)
Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church

They may actually be able to compare their life to yours and realize there is a problem. Why? It's because you will have grown into a mighty tree. Started perhaps as a planted seed, you have begun growing into a tree that the beasts of the field, if you can understand this, will desire to come and reside in the shadow you have begun casting. Birds of the air come and land there, too.

What does all this mean? It means that when you begin to serve the Lord, not just saying a prayer and going to church and giving into the offering plate. I'm talking about having a real prayer life, actually reading your Bible enough that it looks a bit well-used. Watch when you have a life like that, other people want to get near you, tell you their problems wanting some of your good advice, as they can feel the safety and peace when they're around you.

These small things can carry tremendously big rewards. In Galatians 5, we are also told just a little 'leaven infects the whole world.' Always be prayerfully careful.

Knowing only a little Bible can change your whole life, just as a little prayer can start moving big mountains. Know that a little faith can turn a whole city upside down. This year we will be holding prayer meetings. No preaching, no singing unless somebody comes wanting to preach or sing, it will be praying for the lost, for the right words to say, and show them Jesus and confirm this with His Words showing Him with His signs and wonders being confirmed. Our intent will be to come to the House of God just to pray for right words, for boldness where you don't just go out and tell somebody about Jesus, that you speak the Word, the right Words are then confirmed with signs and wonders following.

"Well, Pastor Tim, God doesn't move like

that anymore."

"You want to bet? Our focus for years has been on you. I've taught you. I've trained you. I've heard comments like this. I've grown more in these last six years than I have in all my life. That goes to the work the Holy Spirit. He is the real preacher, teacher, but here's what you need to know. I don't believe it's because I'm that great of a teacher or preacher. I know He's doing it because in these last days, we all need all the help we can get. God is accelerating this thing because our time is running out. Amen. Our time is running out. Amen. Our time is up, so I want us all to be praying this year, that God will make you a soul winner. Now is the time. The Bible clearly declares that "He who wins souls is wise." We've already had an excellent training class at the end of January. We know we are on the right track as there has been much of the enemy's opposition, actually that helps to confirm it.

Some years ago, probably 20 years, the statistics were that only 20 percent of the Church has ever led anyone to Jesus, meaning only 20 percent were doing all the work, while 80 percent just sat around, taking what they could get. (It's not nice to say, but it's true.)

"Pastor I believe it's probably a lot less than that now."

"The good news is we have time enough as long as time lasts. Amen."

"Stand with me all over the house. Big things come in little packages; big things come in little Cherokee. There are big things in store.

God has put it on the inside of you. He said this. He said He can do exceedingly, abundantly, all that you can ask or think, according to the Power that's inside you. He turned right around and said after that, we are to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. You know He said, I work it in. You work it out. Hallelujah! It's up to you and is your job!

"Father, Lord, this day, we've come into Your House, preached the Word. Lord, we want to live more like Jesus that we ever have, to speak on His behalf Lord in a prophetic way. To go where He would have us go. Lord, we are literally all going after Your Heart. You told us what Your Heart's cry was.

"When You stood on this planet and You said, 'I would that every man...'

"So, Lord, empower Your Church, Your people, from the youngest to the oldest. I pray, Spirit of the Living God, fill us to overflowing, so that we won't even be able to help ourselves. We'll just want to share You with others, with compassion for the lost. Forgive us as we repent for any of our judgments of them.

"Give every one of us the ability to see 'in the spirit realm,' those who are ready and especially ask for the patience to work on those who are not.

Lord, I pray that for every individual. Lord, we give so that we realize there is a great power side to the small package that they are Lord, I give You the Praise, the Glory and all the Honor in the Precious Name of Jesus Christ. Amen."



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



"Head of an African Man
Wearing a Turban"
by Peter Paul Rubens (1609)

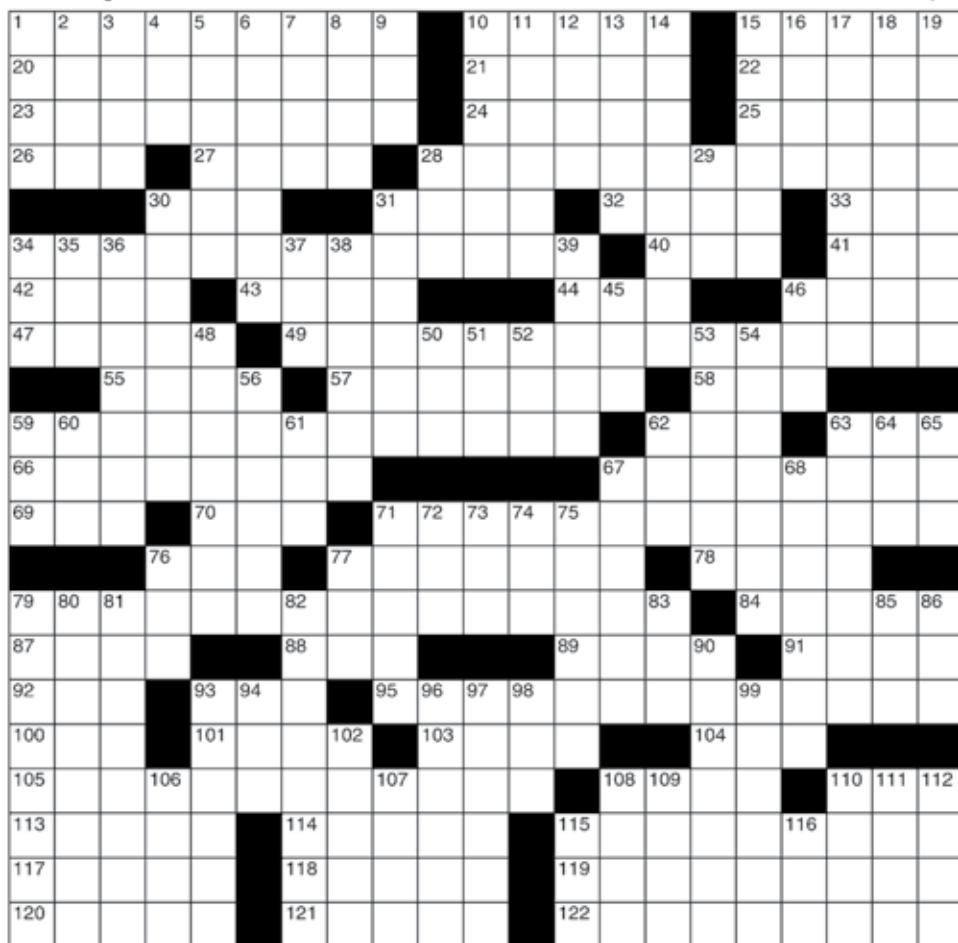
*...I delivered the poor who cried out,
the fatherless and the one who had
no helper. The blessing of a perishing
man came upon me, and I caused
the widow's heart to sing for joy.
I put on righteousness, and
it clothed me; my justice was
like a robe and a turban.*

🕒 JOB 29: 12-14 🕒

Super Crossword

PROGRAM
FINALES

- ACROSS**
- 1 Sci-fi zapper
10 "Flashdance" star Jennifer
15 1, 152, to Caesar
20 Stateside
21 U-shaped bend in a river
22 Protest shout
23 Gave spirit to
24 Chicago airport
25 See 42-Across
26 Bad grade
27 Causes wonder in
28 Subcompact car of the 1980s
30 Naughty kid
31 Saroyan's "My Name Is —"
32 Mex. miss
33 Abate
34 HarperCollins or Simon & Schuster
40 — Antonio
41 Suffix with Brooklyn
42 With 25-Across, Czech tennis great
43 Crude dude
44 Gallery stuff
46 Film director Preminger
- 47 Holiday song
49 Optimistic attitude
55 Give and take
57 False appearances
58 Flaky dessert
59 Restricted entry
62 USMC rank
63 Frat dude
66 Soon-to-be adolescents
67 Inquire into
69 One of 100 in D.C.
70 Monk's title
71 Stuff applied to the wall of a room
76 School org.
77 Certain Ukrainian
78 Fine riverbed sand
79 Athlete's advantage
84 1836 Texas siege site
87 Abbr. on a phone dial
88 Sgt., e.g.
89 Must-have
91 In a bit, to bards
92 "— a snap!"
93 Took a chair
95 Features of many limos
100 Sue Grafton's "— for Noose"
- DOWN**
- 1 Told a fib
2 Hathaway of "Ocean's 8"
3 Store lure
4 Bygone U.K. record label
5 Make over
6 Bar with beermaking facilities
7 Berlin article
8 Masters
- 101 Movie-rating org.
103 Defendant's opponent
104 Part of LAPD
105 "Necktie," "bathrobe" or "jumpsuit"
108 College bigwig
110 Furry foot
113 Taken together
114 Great values
115 Subsequent stage
117 Coup —
118 Omit, as a syllable
119 Balsam or turpentine
120 Blissful spots
121 Doles (out)
122 Maker of the eight programs that are the theme of this puzzle
- 9 Ticked off
10 "Awright!"
11 Dig out from the ground
12 Impose — on (outlaw)
13 Some nobles
14 Affirms solemnly
15 Suburb of D.C. in Virginia
16 Wheat — (cereal)
17 Judge of the O.J. Simpson trial
18 Owing
19 "Don't worry, things are going to work out"
28 60-min. periods
29 "Give — whirl"
30 "You're preaching to the choir"
31 Lung cell
34 Pen maker
35 Egg cells
36 Boat-rowing guys
37 Style of jazz
38 Bathtub sponges
39 Great reviews
45 Scale notes after dos
46 Bullring cheer
- 48 Library penalty
50 Old railroad watchdog agcy.
51 — Bo (exercise system)
52 Age-verifying cards
53 Top dentures
54 Food fish from Africa
56 Eye squintingly
59 A DJ might spin them
60 Furiousness
61 Gene stuff
62 Co. big shot
63 Gold-winning figure skater Brian
64 Hotfoot it
65 Slugger Mel
67 Burned a bit
68 Sentimental pop songs
71 Dostoyevsky novel, with "The"
72 Ida, neighbor
73 China's Lao- —
74 Suffix with Brooklyn
75 Comedian Gilda
76 "Ask Me Another" ainer
77 Available without an Rx
- 79 Occur at the same time
80 Acquired the film rights to
81 Army meal companion
82 As a team
83 "So yucky!"
85 Do some lawn work
86 Add- — (peripherals)
90 Pupil-widening drug, e.g.
93 Young salmon and sea trout
94 Clerk on "The Simpsons"
96 Tristan's love
97 Surgery assistants
98 TV magnate Turner
99 Olympic athlete, e.g.
102 She sang "Hello"
106 Strategize
107 Stand by
108 Sub shop
109 Part of 62-Down: Abbr.
110 El —, Texas
111 Almost like
112 Departed
115 — de plume
116 "— So Shy"



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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1. Is the book of James in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. From 2 Samuel 6, who died after accidentally touching the Ark of the Covenant? *Achan, Zedekiah, Naboth, Uzzah*
 3. In Judges 13, to whose wife did an angel appear, telling her she'd conceive a son? *Samson, Manoah, Josiah, Cain*
 4. What godly son was born to Hannah and Elkanah in answer to prayer? *Ezekiel, Paul, Samuel, Hosea*
 5. From Judges 14, what animal took Samson by surprise attack? *Bear, Fox, Lion, Boar*
 6. Who burned David's city of Ziklag? *Amalekites, Nazarites, Gibeonites, Israelites*
- Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson's Casey's latest book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in bookstores and online.

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1. MOVIES: Which 2000 animated movie's tagline is "Escape or Die Frying"?
2. HISTORY: When was the Peace Corps established?
3. LANGUAGE: What does it mean in British English to be "knackered"?
4. AD SLOGANS: Which company featured this 1985 ad campaign: "It's everywhere you want to be"?
5. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which animal has the longest tongue in relation to its body size?
6. LITERATURE: Which 20th-century novel begins with the line, "It was a bright cold day in April, and the clocks were striking thirteen"?
7. MUSIC: Which country music songwriter, singer and activist once sold Bibles for a living?
8. ANATOMY: What is the common name for the coccyx in human anatomy?
9. FOOD & DRINK: Which restaurant chain is known for its "Grand Slam" breakfast?
10. U.S. STATES: In which U.S. state was the first official World Fair held?

see **PUZZLE ANSWERS** page 24

EVENTS

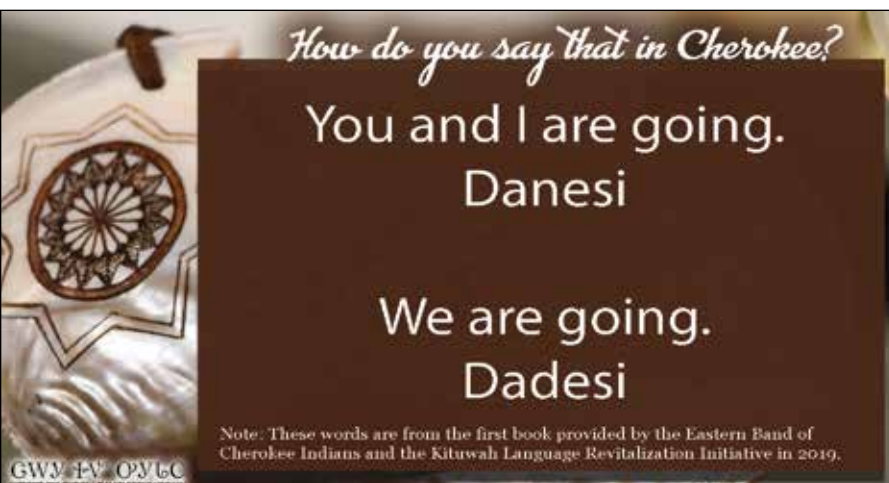
COMMUNITY EVENTS

Cherokee Winter Social. Feb. 26 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds multi-purpose building. Everyone is welcome for an evening to celebrate Cherokee language, culture, song, dance, and food. Door prizes (must be present to win). Invited singers – Bo Taylor, Skyler Bottchenbaugh, Rich Bottchenbaugh, Micah Swimmer, Jarrett Wildcat, Will Tushka. MC: Catcuce Tiger. All Cherokee singers welcome; bring your rattles and drums. Traditional dress and ribbon shirts/skirts encouraged. Mask required. Info: cherokeewintersocial@gmail.com

Yellowhill Community Club activities for March

- Yellowhill Community Club meeting. March 1 at 6 p.m.
 - Children's Reading Challenge. March 1-31
 - Gadugi Indoor Flea Market. March 19 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 - Plan Children's Easter Event. March 22
 - March newsletter. March 31.
- Info: Carmaleta 736-9392, Stephanie 735-9001, Virginia 788-8659

Upcoming Vaccine



How do you say that in Cherokee?

You and I are going.
Danesi

We are going.
Dadesi

Note: These words are from the first book provided by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Kituwah Language Revitalization Initiative in 2019.

GWM-TV-ON-CE

Clinics hosted by Tsalagi Public Health

- Clinic for 12+ first dose, second dose, boosters, flu shots. Feb. 24 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Tribal Bingo Hall
- Pediatric (ages 5-11) only. Feb. 16 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Tribal Bingo Hall.
- Pediatric (ages 5-11) only. March 9 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Tribal Bingo Hall.
- Pediatric (ages 5-11) only. March 30 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Tribal Bingo Hall.

March Madness Market.

March 3 at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Lots of vendors, lunch by Melitia, and Girl Scout Cookies for sale. Info: Denise Walkingstick 508-2211

Benefit to help with travel expenses for Aniyah Sampson's medical treatment.

March 5 at 11 a.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Dinners: pork chops, fried potatoes, pintos, cabbage, cornbread, dessert, and drink for \$10. Indoor yard sale: tables are \$20. Volunteers are needed. If you wish to volunteer to cook or serve food, contact Gabby 269-6669

Turkey Shoot. March 5 at 3 p.m. at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot

Facility in the Big Cove Community. This is a benefit for Dean Hill. Good food, good fun, great prizes, great benefit.

EBCI 4-H Program Youth

Sewing Classes. March 6, 13, 20, and 27 each date from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office. This class is for ages 8 to 18. Limit 10 youth and parents are welcome to join and help. Youth can make one project – ribbon skirt or ribbon shirt (putting ribbon and fabric on a pre-made shirt). Info: Sally Dixon 359-6936 or salldixo@ebci-nsn.gov

WESTERN N.C. EVENTS

Friends of Israel representative, Camaron Joyner, will be visiting Christian ACTS

Church. Feb. 27 at 11 a.m. and will present on the work his organization is doing in Atlanta. Christian ACTS Church is located at 257 East Alarka Rd., Bryson City. Info: Pastor Melanie 538-4995.

Indivisible Swain County meeting.

Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Tentative speakers are County Commissioners Ben Bushyhead and Roger Parsons. Agenda items include action steps for priorities for 2022 – Medicaid expansion, voting, education, and environment. All are welcome to join and share your concerns and ideas. Info: Email maryherr2017@gmail.com or 497-9498 for a link to the meeting

Rock Painting Class. March 12 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at

Puzzle Answers

Super Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Uzzah; 3) Manoah; 4) Samuel; 5) Lion; 6) Amalekites

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriquez

- Answers
1. "Chicken Run"
 2. 1961
 3. Tired
 4. Visa
 5. Chameleon
 6. "1984"
 7. Willie Nelson
 8. Tailbone
 9. Denny's
 10. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (1876)

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the Murphy Art Center on Valley River Ave. in downtown Murphy. Offered by the Valley River Arts Guild, this class is for ages 6-17. Info: 360-3038

Painting an Easter Quilt

Board class. March 12 from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Murphy Arts Center on Valley River Ave. in downtown Murphy. Offered by the Valley River Arts Guild, this class is open to the public. Info: 360-3038

SPORTS EVENTS

2022 EBCI Fish Tournament Lineup

(General Fishing Waters, Cherokee, N.C.)

General Fishing Enterprise Waters are closed to everyone from Saturday, March 12 to Friday, March 25. Each tournament requires a 2-day fish permit covering both tournament days (\$17) and Tournament Registration Fee (\$15).

Opening Day Fish Tournament

- Saturday, March 26 to Sunday, March 27
- Registration deadline is Friday, March 25
- \$25,000 in cash prizes

Memorial Day Fish Tournament

- Saturday, May 28 to Sunday, May 29
- Registration deadline is Friday, May 27
- \$10,000 in cash prizes

Tim Hill Memorial Tournament

- Saturday, July 9 to Sunday, July

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- Registration deadline is Friday, July 8
- \$10,000 in cash prizes

Qualla Country Fish Tournament

- Saturday, Aug. 27 to Sunday, Aug. 28
- Registration deadline is Friday, Aug. 26
- \$20,000 in cash prizes

Tag turn-in times will be 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. both tournament days at the EBCI Natural Resources Enforcement Office at 517 Sequoyah Trail in Cherokee. Fishing hours are one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset, daily.

Info: Office (828) 359-6110, text (828) 788-3013, <https://fish-cherokee.com> and <https://www.facebook.com/fishcherokee>

- EBCI Natural Resources Div.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Cherokee Cancer Support Group

meets the first Thursday of each month at Betty's Place at 40 Goose Creek Road in the Birdtown Community. A potluck is held at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting is open to all. Betty's Place is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They provide counseling and support services to cancer patients that may include supplies, travel, and meals. Info: 497-0788

Happenings listings are FREE of charge. Send your event listings, or flyers, to Scott at scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov or via Facebook Messenger at the Cherokee One Feather

Fun Facts from the Editor:

* In 1830, the average American was consuming 1.7 bottles of hard liquor per week.

* A way you can tell if you're whispering or not is put your hand to your throat. If you feel vibrations, you're talking. If you don't, you are whispering.

VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

VA Expands Services for Senior Veterans

Services for senior veterans have been expanded, including home-based primary care, veteran-directed care and medical foster homes. The plan is to make these services — 75 home-based primary care teams, 58 medical foster homes and 70 veteran-directed care programs — available at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers in the next few years.

The purpose of these programs is to allow senior veterans to either delay going into a nursing home and select the care environment that they prefer, or to age in place at home. What they've discovered is that veterans who use these services have fewer trips to the emergency room, fewer hospital admissions and fewer stays in nursing homes.

Medical foster homes are what you'd imagine: private homes where there is a trained caregiver 24/7. While living at one of these homes, the veteran receives home-based primary care. See www.va.gov/geriatrics/pages/Medical_Foster_Homes.asp for a list of the available medical foster home programs by state.

Home-base primary care is medical services supervised by a VA physician. Typically, the veteran has complicated health needs and is unable to keep medical appointments because of illness or perhaps has a caregiver who needs help because of the responsibility for medical care. See www.va.gov/GERIATRICS/pages/Home_Based_Primary_Care.asp for more information.

Veteran-directed care lets veterans receive both the home and community-based services they desire, like choosing from a menu. Veterans often need help with activities of daily living, or there is a caregiver who needs help. Daily living activities can range from dressing, eating and taking a shower to grocery shopping and more. Each veteran is given a budget for those services, which is managed by either the veteran or the veteran's representative. This menu of services lets veterans stay in their own homes. See www.va.gov/geriatrics/pages/Veteran-Directed_Care.asp for more information.

For a full menu of services for senior veterans, see www.va.gov/GERIATRICS/index.asp. Caregiver information, fitness and rehab, brain health, advance care planning ... it's all there.

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Pets Keep Owners Fit and Healthy

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I've read that pets can keep seniors healthy, through reducing stress, etc. How does that work? — Joel P., Fort Myers, Fla.

DEAR JOEL: Researchers have found that seniors who own pets have a reduced rate of stress-related ailments, so they've theorized that having an animal companion helps seniors feel less alone and somewhat empowered as they care for a cat, dog, fish or other pet. The unconditional love and affection that pets provide can help their owners feel needed and important, and can help to enhance their quality of life. So, the simple act of caring for a pet can create a longer, happier life for many people.

But there are more benefits to pet ownership. Owners are more likely to interact with other animal lovers. They tend to exercise more than pet-less people — especially dog owners, who must take their pooches for frequent walks.

Of course, if a senior doesn't want a dog or cat, the idea shouldn't be pushed. Owners must be able to care for, walk and feed their pets, and provide training and activities. Not everyone can meet these requirements. There also are financial considerations, such as regular veterinary care, food and medicine.

An alternative to owning a pet is to visit one (or have one visit) occasionally. There are organizations across the United States that sponsor pet visits for seniors who love animals but cannot care for one full-time. These visits help provide some of the health benefits of pet ownership to those who otherwise would not receive them.

If nothing else, take time out to say hello to the neighbor's dog, or spend time with relatives and their pets. They'll love the attention, and you'll love the stress relief that pets can provide.

Send your tips, questions or comments to ask@pawscorner.com.

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Classified listings are FREE of charge for all items under \$25,000. You can message your listings to us on Facebook or email them to Scott at scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The adventurous Aries won't be disappointed with taking on a new challenge, despite some initial misgivings. Look for this move to open other opportunities down the line.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Let that beautiful Bovine smile not only put you at ease, but also show that you're ready, willing and more than able to confound the naysayers around you. A new admirer has important news.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be careful how you handle a relationship that you're hoping to save. You already have the facts on your side. Avoid weakening your position by embellishing it with unnecessary dramatics.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Taking definitive stands isn't easy for the often-wavering Moon Child. But you not only need to stay with your decision, but also to reassure others it was the right thing to do.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) As a proud Lion, you're right to be upset about those who might be lying about you to others. But the best revenge is proving them wrong by succeeding at what you set out to do.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22). Caution is still advised before making a financial commitment to a "promising" project. Look for the

facts behind the fluff. Devote the weekend to loved ones.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A Taurus offers comfort and advice as you deal with an upsetting event. Use this as a learning experience that will help you avoid similar problems in the future.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A romantic situation creates some chaos for single Scorpions. But it's well worth the effort to work things out. A trusted friend can offer some helpful advice.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Expect to make new friends as your social circle expands. Also, remember to tell that family member how proud you are of his or her achievements.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19). New ventures continue to be favored. And with your self-confidence rising all the time, you'll want to see how well you can do with a new challenge. So, go to it.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) This is a good time for the usually serious-minded Aquarian to let loose and enjoy some fun times. Expect to get good news about a workplace issue.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Changed plans might upset some people, but your needs should be respected. Offer explanations when necessary. But don't let yourself be talked into changing your decisions.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for bringing people together. You would make a fine judge or counselor.

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Employment Opportunities

Position: Massage Therapist

Full-Time* - Part-Time* -
SIGNING BONUS UP TO \$2500*

Job Description: The Massage Therapist role is to provide and maintain the highest standards of massage therapy and recommendations for home care. The massage therapist must provide excellent guest care and create a feeling of rest and relaxation for spa guests, resulting in high retention and increased treatment and retail sales.

Applicants must possess a current NC massage license. Required to have open availability, weekends, and holidays. Background Check/Drug Testing, EEOC

For questions, please contact:
Angie Hill, Spa Operations Manager 828-497-8550
angieh@mandaraspa.com



Tribal Employment Rights Office

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 7:45am-4:30pm

Now Available – TERO's Local Job Listing for February 2022

The Tribal Employment Rights Office ("TERO") is pleased to provide a monthly job listing for the Cherokee area. Please visit TERO's website at this link: [WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT - EBCI TERO \(ebci-tero.com\)](http://WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT - EBCI TERO (ebci-tero.com)) or stop by the TERO Office to receive the job list for February. The TERO Office is located at 756 Acquoni Rd in Cherokee, NC.

If you are (1) an enrolled member of the EBCI, (2) spouse of EBCI enrolled member or parent of minor EBCI enrolled member, (3) or an enrolled member of another federally recognized tribe, and you are interested in enrolling in TERO's Job Bank for job referrals, please contact Hillary Norville or Douglas McCoy at the email or telephone numbers below.

Hillary Norville – TERO Job Bank Coordinator
828.359.6422
hillnorv@ebci-nsn.gov

Douglas McCoy – TERO Job Bank Coordinator
828.359.6478
dougmcdo@ebci-nsn.gov



Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements



Application and job description can be picked up from the receptionist at the Boys Club information window between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (828) 497-9101. The selected applicant must submit to a pre-employment drug screen and local, state, and federal civil and criminal background and sexual offender screens. Payroll direct deposit is mandatory. Indian preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate.

The Cherokee Boys Club reserves the right to extend position closing dates or re-advertise positions without notice.

Cherokee Boys Club
P.O. Box 507
Cherokee, NC 28719

Agelink Child Care
FT Lead Teacher
FT School Age Group Leader
FT Custodian

Snowbird Child Care
FT Lead Teacher

Children's Home
FT Administrative Assistant
FT Residential Counselor (2)
PT Residential Counselor (5)

Bus & Truck
PT Truck Driver
PT School Bus Driver (6)

Construction & Facilities
FT Carpenter/Mason (2)

Service
PT Mowing & Trimming Laborer



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
HUMAN RESOURCES

PO Box 553
Cherokee, NC 28719
828-359-6388

Closing Sunday, February 27, 2022

1. Truck Driver/Crew Leader – Solid Waste – Operations (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)
2. Maintenance Utility Worker – Qualla Housing Services – Housing (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
3. Family Safety Case Aide – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L6 \$30,357 - \$37,946)

Open Until Filled

1. Evidence Technician I – Cherokee Police Department – Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Police Department – Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. Detention Officer (Multiple) – Detention Services – Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
4. PT Paramedic (Multiple) – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L8 \$17.55 - \$21.94 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
5. Youth Development Professional – Cherokee Youth Center – Community/Education/Recreation Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
6. Certified Nursing Assistant – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
7. Cook – Cherokee County Senior Citizens – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
8. Cultural Resource and Archive Officer – Kituwah Preservation Education Program – Community/Education/Recreation Services (L12 \$52,635 - \$65,811)
9. Driver (Multiple) – Transit – Operations (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
10. Teacher – Qualla Boundary Head-Start/Early Head-Start – Public Health and Human Services (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
11. Real Estate Associate Attorney – Tribal Realty Services – Office of the Attorney General (L15 \$68,704 - \$85,886)
12. Network Administrator - Infrastructure Services - Office of Information Technology (L12 \$52,635 - \$65,811)
13. Administrative Assistant/Office Coordinator – Tribal Employment Rights Office (L6 \$30,357 - \$37,946)

**All applications and job descriptions are available at
www.ebeci.com/jobs**

Please attach any licenses, certificates, diplomas, resumes, etc. with application. If you are unable to attach the documents, you may drop them off at our offices located at 806 Acquoni Rd. Suite 100 or email them to the Employment Specialists listed on our website. Indian Preference does apply. NOTICE: Due to the Tribal State of Emergency, we will only advertise positions that are classified as Essential or Critical to Tribal Operations. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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February
23rd, 2022

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ENTERTAINMENT**

EMPLOYMENT

The Oconaluftee Indian Village is now accepting applications for the 2022 season.

We are looking for people willing to educate the public about the Cherokee history and culture in fun, exciting ways. We need applicants who take pride in the Cherokee culture and possess good work ethic. Applications and job descriptions can be picked up at the Cherokee Historical main office (564 Tsali Blvd. across from the Museum) or found on Cherokeehistorical.org.

Seasonal Positions available: Delegates (Guides, Singers, Lecturers), Artisans (Crafters), Operations staff; Retail, Box Office, Concession, Custodian/Maintenance, and Botanical Trail Maintenance.

Potential Full Time Position: CHA Operations Manager-job description available upon request.

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The Cherokee Historical Association is hiring an Operations Manager for the 2022 season.

We are looking for someone who can multi-task, has retail management experience and the knowledge of Cherokee craft appraisal. This position will run from March through Mid-November, works weekends and holidays, potential to transition in to full time, salary position with benefits.

Guidelines:

- Must have supervision/management experience.
- Requires great guest service skills.
- Requires computer and record keeping skills.
- Have the ability to oversee multiple employees.
- Must have knowledge of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians culture and about the culturally based tourism industry.
- Requires the ability to coordinate

activities and events, market and promote, communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing.

Anyone interested can pick up a job description and application at the CHA main office, located across from the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. Applications must be submitted by 4pm on March 4, 2022.

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LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 21-126

In the Matter of the Estate of Barbara Jane Owle

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION

Joey T. Owle
PO Box 1433
Cherokee, NC 28719

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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
In the Tribal Court

In the Matter of A.M., A Minor Child, File No. CVJ 20-067
TO: The Unknown Father of Minor Child A.M.

TO: Jimmy Bailey
Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled juvenile action. The nature of the relief being sought is the adjudication and disposition of a petition alleging the minor child, A.M. is a neglected, de-

pendent and drug endangered child, filed in the Cherokee Tribal Court on November 16, 2020. A court order from the Cherokee Tribal Court directing that service of process on you take place by publication was entered on February 3, 2022.

You must answer or otherwise respond to the pleading within forty (40) days of the date of first publication of this Notice. If you fail to answer or otherwise respond within the time prescribed, the matter will proceed to adjudication and disposition. If you are not already represented by appointed counsel, you are entitled to appointed counsel in this matter, and to that end, provisional counsel will be appointed for you in this matter, and the appointment of provisional counsel shall be reviewed by the court at the first hearing after service of process in this matter.

You are advised to IMMEDIATELY contact the Clerk of Tribal Court for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians at (828) 359-6213, to obtain further information about this case, including a copy of the pleadings filed herein and the date(s) and time(s) of scheduled hearings.

First published this the 9th day of February, 2022.

Sybil G. Mann
Family Safety Program Attorney
P.O. Box 455
Cherokee, N.C. 28719
(828)359-1559
N.C. Bar No. 16729

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 22-012

In the Matter of the Estate of ISAAC EDWARD LONG JR.

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before

the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION

Jeffrey Vaughn Long
991 Jenkins Creek
Cherokee, NC 28719

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BIDs, RFPs, etc.

Request for Proposals

General Notice
Qualla Housing Services (Q.H.S.) is requesting proposals from:

- All interested qualified Modular Home Manufacturers, licensed in the State of North Carolina, to provide permanent single-family housing. Services required will include, but may not be limited to, construction and delivery of modular housing units and installation. Scope of work will include projects on Tribal land in Swain, Jackson, Cherokee, and Graham Counties.
- All interested qualified contractors for timber cutting and stump removal, scope may include projects on Tribal land in Swain, Jackson, and Graham Counties.

These bid packages can be picked up at the Qualla Housing Services Warehouse located at 2234 Old Mission Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. The Warehouse is open Monday-Thursday, from 7:45 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. All bids/proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope. The deadline for submissions is 4:00 p.m. on 3/3/2022. Proposals received after this time and date will be rejected. Please be advised Indian Preference (TERO) applies to the award and completion of all contracts. Masks must be worn

when inside the building. **2/23**

Kituwah Hospitality, LLC is seeking to contract with an experienced and qualified Design-Build firm capable of delivering Architectural, Engineering and Construction Services for the purpose of designing and building a new hotel property at “The 407” in Sevierville, TN. The Design-Build-er will be required to serve as the Architect of Record for the project. **Firms THAT DO NOT SUBMIT PROPOSALS ON TIME WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED, NO EXCEPTIONS.** Proposals must be received by February 28, 2022, 11:00am EST. Please email Kristin Smith for a full RFP at kristin.smith@kituwahllc.com. **2/23**

**Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Request for Qualifications
Long Range Transportation Plan**

Feb 21-2022

For the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians:

Cherokee Department of Transportation

SECTION I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Scope of the Request for Qualifications

This Request for Qualifications (RFQ) contains instructions governing the response to be submitted and the material to be included in the proposing firm’s response; a description of the service to be provided; selection criteria; and other requirements, which must be met by the proposing firm to be eligible for consideration.

Introduction

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) invites qualified consulting firms to submit Qualifications to assist the Cherokee Department of Transportation (CDOT)

with the preparation of its Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update for the Qualla Boundary.

Background

The Cherokee Indian Reservation also known as the Qualla Boundary is in 6 counties in Western North Carolina. These counties consist of Swain, Jackson, Graham, Cherokee, Haywood, and Macon. The Tribe has an extensive road system consisting of BIA and Tribal-ly Owned roadways and bridges. It is the responsibility of the Tribe to produce and maintain a fiscally constrained LRTP based upon Federal Legislation: Fixing America’s Surface Transportation or “FAST Act”.

The Qualla Boundary is quite limited in available land/right of way for new and expanded roadways. Thus, it is vital that the final document demonstrate creative solutions that embody a philosophy of multimodal transit systems that are considerate of our ever-growing tourist and local population within a limited geographical area. The challenge from CDOT is to craft a long-range plan that does not attempt to manage growth; but promotes it with improved access and best practice uses of existing and future roadway improvements. Our Transportation system will be best served if current planning begins with future goals.

Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Coordination

The point of contact for this (RFQ) shall be:

Primary point of contact for this RFQ:

Manuel Maples, Program Director
Cherokee Department of Transportation

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
P.O. Box 2400

Cherokee, NC 28719

Phone: (828)-359-656432

Email manumapl@ebci-nsn.gov

Alternate point of contact shall be

Darrell Brown Transportation

Planner

Cherokee Department of Transportation

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
P.O. Box 2400

Cherokee, NC 28719

Phone: (828)-359-6534

Email darrbrow@ebci-nsn.gov

RFQ Number

The CDOT has assigned the following identification number to this RFQ: CDOT-LRTP 2016. This number and the project name should be referenced in all communications regarding this RFQ or subsequent addenda.

Project Name: EBCI Long Range Transportation Plan

Proposed RFQ Schedule of Events

Feb -21-2022: Issue RFQ CDOT

Feb 28-2022: Q/A meeting

Office of CDOT.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED UPON REQUEST.

March 7-2022: Submission Deadline (10:00 am Eastern Time. Official time is kept by CDOT Office)

Cherokee Department of Transportation, 680 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC

March 7-2022: Submission Review
Eastern Band of Cherokee various departments

By March 14-2022: Notice of Award/Contract Negotiations

CDOT Office. Date subject to change as needed by CDOT for Contract considerations.

RFQ Amendment and Cancellation

The EBCI reserves the right to amend, reissue, or cancel this RFQ at its sole discretion. If an amendment is issued, a written notice will be provided to all firms that have expressed a written interest in this project. In addition, the Tribal Employment Rights Office will be provided with the original RFQ and any amendments.

Vendors who submit qualifi-

cations shall respond to the final written RFQ and any exhibits, attachments, and amendments. Any professional firm submitting must, within the text of that document, acknowledge receipt of all addenda.

PROJECT SCOPE AND DELIVERABLES

General Scope of Work

The Engineers performing the work and in responsible charge of the work must be licensed Professional Engineers in the State of North Carolina and must have good ethical and professional standing. Engineering firms shall also be pre-qualified as NCDOT Consulting Engineering firms. The selected firm will be required to furnish proof of Professional Liability insurance coverage in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000.

The list below represents a minimal effort expected by the selected firm. All firms are encouraged to suggest any additional items that may improve the quality and scope of the plan. The plan shall span 20 years and meet all minimum requirements stipulated for Tribal Governments in 25 CFR 170.

Scope of Services to be provided:

Final work product from the selected firm shall include but not be limited to:

- 1) Identify short and long-range transportation improvements strategies that will address current and future transportation needs consistent with Tribal, Federal, and State (where applicable) government policies.
- 2) Define projects that will increase the safety and security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
- 3) Identify means to improve the accessibility and mobility options available for transportation users around the Qualla Boundary.
- 4) Develop a plan that strives to

protect and enhance the local environment, promote energy conservation, improve quality of life. Additionally, plan should promote consistency between state and local planned growth and economic development plans.

5) Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes for all users.

6) Evaluate historic, current, forecasted traffic trends about population and demographic projections; population distribution; future land-use map; and future traffic projections and trends.

7) Promote consistency between transportation improvements, land use, and economic development patterns.

8) The firm will complete AADT Counts for the majority of the BIA Roads on the Cherokee Indian Reservation in Western North Carolina.

9) The selected firm shall provide a Gant or PERT chart of activities to the Tribal Contact to track progress in this project. Periodically the selected firm and Tribal Contact shall update the chart to show actual progress and completion of tasks.

All of the following elements shall be based upon a strong foundation of public and stakeholder input. The consultant shall propose their ideas for collaboration and the collection of such input. Specific elements in the plan to be addressed include:

A. Identify the projected transportation demand of persons and goods over the plan horizon.

B. Identify and address alternative modes of transportation including pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities; incorporate such investments in its published list of projects.

C. Assess capital investment and other measures necessary to preserve the existing transportation

system.

D. Examine Compliance with and promotion of new Federal requirements for performance-based transportation planning contained in FAST Act.

Deliverables

- Monthly progress report, to include:
 - o updated project schedule
 - o narrative of work completed this period
 - o overall % complete of the project
 - o plans for the coming reporting period
 - o draft reports for deficiencies identified and investigated within this reporting period

SELECTION

The Selection/Procurement Process
The following is a general description of the process by which a firm will be selected to provide services.

- Request for Qualifications (RFQ) issued to prospective firms AND BY ADVERTISEMENT TO THE PUBLIC.
- A Question-and-Answer session will be conducted to help prospective firms become acquainted with the project and the expectations from the project team if requested.
- Submissions shall be in a sealed envelope. (1) Original and (4) copies signed and dated by an official that is authorized or has power of attorney to bind the proposing firm.
- Unsigned Original or those that lack any portion of the required review criteria shall not be considered.
- Incomplete proposals will not be considered. However, the EBCI reserves the right to consider proposals that have minor deficiencies or inconsistencies.
- All Submission Responses must be received by the Cherokee Department of Transportation Office (Transportation Building, 680 Acquoni Road, PO Box 2400 Chero-

kee, North Carolina 28719) no later than the date and time specified in the “RFQ Schedule of Events.” Hand delivered submissions may be presented at the Cherokee Department of Transportation Office, Program Manager of CDOT, Transportation Building at 680 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC by the deadline. Delivery to any other location of the Tribal government or its subsidiaries will not be considered delivered.

- RFQ Submission Responses must contain the information listed in the Submission Format Requirements section of this RFQ.
- Interviews with finalists will be conducted if deemed necessary by the reviewing committee.
- Notice of Award: The Cherokee Department of Transportation will notify finalists in writing of the final award.
- Offerors are cautioned that this is a solicitation for Qualifications, not a request to contract, and that the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians reserves the unqualified right to reject all Submission Responses when such rejection is deemed to be in the best interest of the EBCI.
- Only questions submitted in writing will be addressed in Addenda to this RFQ; verbal questions and responses are not official and in no way change the requirements of this RFQ.

Submission Format Requirements

Each proposing firm shall present one original and four copies of their Response to RFQ: CDOT-LRTP 2016 to the Cherokee Department of Transportation Office, either by mail or hand delivered on or before the Proposal Submission Deadline noted in Schedule of Events. No fax or e-mail transmitted proposals will be accepted. Proposal shall be typed on 8 1/2” X 11” sheets; single spaced, double-sided

print is acceptable. To reduce costs and to facilitate recycling, binders, dividers, tabs, etc. are not allowed. One staple in the upper left corner is preferred.

THE RESPONSE TO THE RFQ SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS: (Sections in your response should be in the order they are listed below.)

Section I — Cover/Introductory Letter

The introductory letter should be addressed to Mr. Josh Parker, Program Manager CDOT. Limited to two (2) pages and should contain the following elements:

- Expression of firm’s interest and ability to complete the project.
- Statement of whether firm is on register or submitting information with letter of interest.
- Date of most recent private engineering firm qualification update.
- Statement regarding firm’s possible conflict of interest for this project.

Section II — Evaluation Content

This section is limited to five (5) pages and should contain information for evaluation and ranking:

- Provide an outline of not more than (3) of the most similar projects completed within the last (3) years. Also ensure that Reference information is listed in the Section III.
- Narrative overview of the approach that the firm will likely take to accomplish project.

general work plan demonstrating how the Scope of Services will be accomplished.

- List any innovative approaches to be used for project completion.
- DBE status of Firm/Subconsultants – Specific DBE goals are not required as part of this agreement; however, the firm is encouraged to report anticipated utilization of a DBE during the execution of work associated with this proposal. The

firm, and any other subsequent subcontractors shall take all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that minority and women businesses have the maximum opportunity to compete for and perform a portion of the work included in this proposal and shall not discriminate based on race, color, national origin or sex. At the time the proposal is submitted, the firm must include a listing of all known DBE firms that will participate in the performance of the identified work. The participation should be submitted on the NCDOT's Form RS-2 (see Section IV). For each DBE subcontractant to be used on the project, a separate RS-2 form should be submitted. Failure on the part of the firm to utilize the DBE subcontractors stated in their proposal shall constitute a breach of contract, and after proper notification may result in award disqualification, termination of the contract, disqualification from bidding, or other appropriate remedy. In the event the firm has no DBE participation, it is requested that this be indicated on one RS-2 form by entering the word 'None' or the number zero.

- Project Schedule and Milestones chart depicting aggressive project completion based on earliest possible start date for firm.
- Provide a narrative describing any recommended changes to the Scope of Services that might strengthen the overall project.

Note: If a project team or subconsultant encounters personnel changes, or any other changes of significance dealing with the company, the Cherokee Department of Transportation shall be notified immediately.

Section III — Supportive Information for Evaluation

This section is limited to eight (8) pages and should contain the following information:

- Capacity chart/graph (available manpower).
- Project Team
- Organizational chart indicating all personnel or firms that will comprise the Project Team.
- Names, classification, and location of the firm's North Carolina employees to be assigned to the advertised project.
- Provide Resumes and any unique qualifications for all Project Team Members. Also, each Project Team Member should correspond with the Hourly Rate Schedule listed Section IV.

References

Provide information for each reference project completed or now in progress. If you have no projects in progress, please state this in the proposal. Reporting that you have no projects in progress will not disqualify the proposing firm. We are evaluating the firm's capacity to administer this job and how much job responsibility the firm has and potential attention the firm can provide to the project.

Reference information to be provided should include the following:

Owner Project Name
Contact Name and Title
Current Address
Current Phone Number Contractor's Name
Contractor's Project Manager
Project Manager Current Address
Project Manager Current Phone Number

Omission of information, without explanation, may cause the submitted proposal to be rejected or result in loss of eligibility. If the firm does not have references, a statement of explanation should be submitted with the proposal. If information requested is not applicable, please so state.

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SECTION IV. CONTRACTING

Contract Price

When contracting with the firm, the Tribe will consider this to be the project team. Should members of the project team become absent, the Tribe and Firm shall negotiate the replacement of the individual or contracted third party.

Price of services to be provided by the firm selected will be negotiated once the most qualified firm has been determined. If negotiations do not result in an acceptable work product at a cost within the proposed budget, then the Cherokee Department of Transportation will terminate negotiations with that firm and commence negotiations with the second most qualified firm and so on until agreement can be reached as to cost and work product.

Total Negotiated Price: This price shall be a "Lump Sum" cost for the contract. When negotiating this contract the tribe will consider this price as a total tabulation of project expenses, labor, travel, advertising, and miscellaneous or supporting expenses. No funds above the contract price will be authorized without an amendment to the contract executed by the contractor and the EBCI.

Firm shall also provide an Hourly Rate Schedule to be used to negotiate any additional services which may be required after completion of the "Lump Sum" contract.

General

Upon execution of the contract, a copy of this RFQ will be attached to the contract and all conditions of this RFQ will become conditions of the contract unless specific sections deleted through mutually agreed upon contract negotiations.

Financial Stability

If requested, prior to contract negotiations and award, the selected firm may be required to furnish appropriate documentation to

substantiate the financial stability of the firm to undertake this project.

The contracted firm will be required to possess a business/trader's license issued from the EBCI Department of Revenue. The Cherokee Department of Transportation can provide contact information regarding obtaining a business license.

The contracted firm will be required to provide proof of general liability of \$1,000,000.00, automobile liability insurance of \$1,000,000.00 and workers compensation insurance. For professional consulting errors and omissions or malpractice insurance certificates may be required. Where applicable performance and bid bonds will also be required. In the event the firm is unable to receive bonding, forms of security for performance may be negotiated.

The awarded firm shall follow all requirements of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribal Code and Fiscal Management Policies, the Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance, the State of North Carolina, and the United States Government as they relate to construction and procurement, subcontracting, demolition, waste disposal, hazardous material plan development, and auditing.

PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

Following the notice to proceed, the contractor may submit monthly partial payment requests. Provided adequate progress is being demonstrated on the project and adequate supporting documents accompany the invoice, the EBCI will authorize partial/progress payments to the contractor within 30 days of receipt of an acceptable invoice. Withheld retainage may be made to an invoiced request for payment if applicable. **3/2**



CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Open Positions

Administrative Assistant – PI/Engineering
Advanced Practice Provider PTI (PA/FNP) – Emergency Room
Analenisgi Inpatient Technician (2)
AP Processor – PRC
Assistant Member Services Manager
Behavioral Health RN – Analenisgi PTI
Behavioral Health RN – Analenisgi Inpatient
Behavioral Health RN – Kanvwotiyi PTRWB
Behavioral Health RN - Kanvwotiyi
Billing Technician II (2 positions)
Case Management Support – Primary Care
Certified Drug and Alcohol Counselor – Analenisgi
Certified Drug and Alcohol Counselor - Kanvwotiyi
Certified Medical Assistant/Licensed Practical Nurse – Pediatrics
Certified Medical Assistant/Licensed Practical Nurse – Primary Care
Child and Family Services Assistant Manager
Clinical Dietitian
Data Analyst – PI
Dental Assistant II (3 Positions)
Dentist
Dentist: Dentures & Partials
Dietary Services Supervisor
Durable Medical Equipment Specialist
EVS Technician
FNP/PA - Primary Care
Grant Coordinator – Analenisgi (Half-Time Position)
LPN – MAT Clinic (Analenisgi)
Licensed Clinical Social Worker Care Manager – Primary Care (8 Positions) ***\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus
Masters Level Therapist – (Grant Funded) Adult/Analenisgi
***\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus
Masters Level Therapist – Family Safety (2 Positions) ***\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus
Masters Level Therapist – Integrated Classroom ***\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus
Masters Level Therapist – Kanvwotiyi (Hiring Bonus) ***\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus
Masters Level Therapist (Child) – Analenisgi ***\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus
Masters Level Therapist (Child) – Juvenile Justice ***\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus

Bonus
Optician
Optometric Assistant
Optometrist
Pedodontist
Physician /Hospitalist - Inpatient
Physician – Emergency Room
Physician – Primary Care
PTI Patient Registration Clerk
PTI Radiology Technologist
PTI Registered Nurse – Analenisgi Inpatient
PTI Registered Nurse – Inpatient
Registered Nurse – Inpatient (4 positions)
Registered Nurse – Wound Care
Residential Technician (Female) – Kanvwotiyi (2 positions)
Residential Technician (Male) – Kanvwotiyi
Residential Technician (Female) – Women's Home
Respiratory Therapist PTI
RN Care Manager – Primary Care (4 positions) ***\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus
RN Care Manager Float – Primary Care ***\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus
Telemetry Nursing Assistant

Tsali Care Center

Assistant Administrator
Cook ***\$2,000.00 Hiring Bonus
Cook Supervisor ***\$2,000.00 Hiring Bonus
CNA***\$2,000.00 Hiring Bonus
Driver Med Aide ***\$2,000.00 Hiring Bonus
License Practical Nurse***\$2,000.00 Hiring Bonus
Medication Aide ***\$2,000.00 Hiring Bonus
Registered Nurse – Full Time ***\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus
Registered Nurse – PTI
Retention Bonus Eligible Positions
Certified Nursing Assistant (Starting Pay \$18.00/Hr.)
Cook (Starting Pay \$17.00/Hr.)
Cook Supervisor (Starting Pay \$20.00/HR)
Medication Aide (Starting Pay \$18.00/Hr.)
Registered Nurse (Starting Pay \$35.36)

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If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR Dept. at (828) 497-9163 ext. 6343.